

# Heritage

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**TRUMAN:**



*the only game in town . . .*



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Truman High School has had many winners during its 22-year history. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

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## *people play*

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In the game of life, it's the day-to-day ups and downs that we remember best. High school students have their own repertoire of everyday "games" they play at school.

Among them are getting through the crowded halls and still making it to class on time, putting off that month-long project until the night before it's due, being tardy as much as possible without getting in trouble, doing homework from another class rather than watching another boring film strip, finding a parking spot and getting out of class to wave to a friend in another class.

Besides playing many of the same games, students also share many of the same likes and gripes about the everyday school routine: "I like seeing my friends . . ." "I like meeting new people . . ." "I like learning new things . . ." "I like to go to the games . . ." "It's fun to watch your team play and show your school spirit . . ."

*Students found a variety of annoyances at school:*

*"The homework . . ." "People that are rude in the halls . . ." "We can't leave for lunch; that really bugs me . . ." "There's too many people. I don't like being jammed . . ." "Certain teacher's grading systems . . ."*

*But most agreed with sophomore Karen Holm: "I like school. I really do. It's fun. I like the people."*

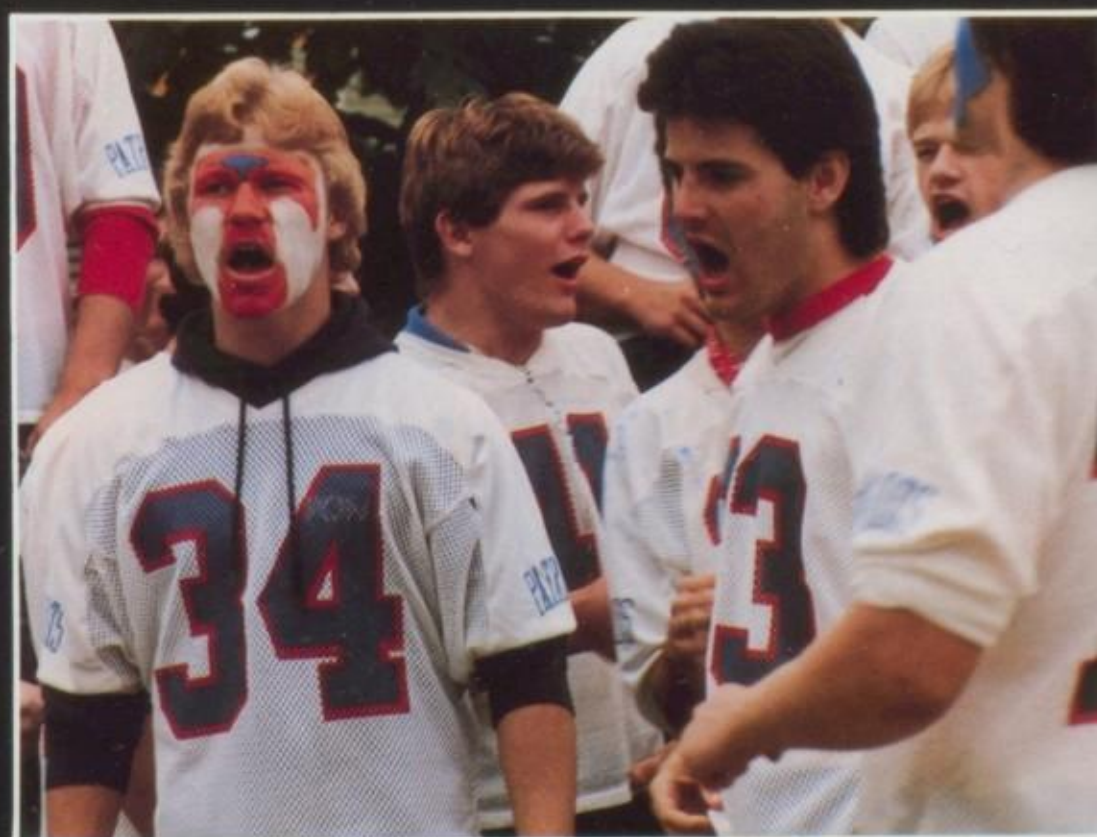






**Board games** have slipped in popularity, as students find more fun playing the real game of life. (Photo by Greg Carr)

**Mud and rain** cause even more tension during an important game. Senior Monty Sinnett expresses emotions felt by teammates after a disappointing loss to Lee's Summit. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)



**Sneaky plans** for an informal pep rally explode with excitement as varsity seniors Kevin Greip, Tom White and Rick White chant their expectations for the game. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

**Sophomore John Town** prepares for the games of the adult world by enhancing his skills at school. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



**It's total concentration** as junior Pete Goebel plans his next move. (Photo by Greg Carr)



**These sophomores** learn English during zero hour before most students eat breakfast or arrive at school. (Photo by Greg Carr)

**In the winter months,** darkness looms before school, even though school started 30 minutes later this year. (Photo by Greg Carr)





# Games add variety to everyday routine

by Cynthia Savage

For some it meant the drudgery of having to get up another day, for others each day meant one more step towards reaching a goal — even coming to school one hour early.

Many students chose to increase their classload by taking zero hour which was offered before the start of the regular school day. The additional hour was added this year to help students meet an increase in graduation requirements. Beginning with this year's sophomore class, the Missouri Board of Education will require students to have a minimum of 22 credits compared to the previous 20 to graduate.

Principal LeRoy Brown explained how zero hour is helping many students meet their goals:

"There are lots of students who would like to take more courses during their four years of high school than they have time. I think that's what motivates most students."

"I wanted to be able to take fun classes along with my hard classes," senior Kim Jurd said.

Freshman Jon Small said that in addition to preparing for college, he enrolled in zero hour to help him "meet the requirements."

"I'd call it a success," counselor Lynne Barnes said. "I think it's really helping kids in picking up those additional course needs."

While high school is important in helping teens prepare for the game of life, not all students expected to get the same things from their education.

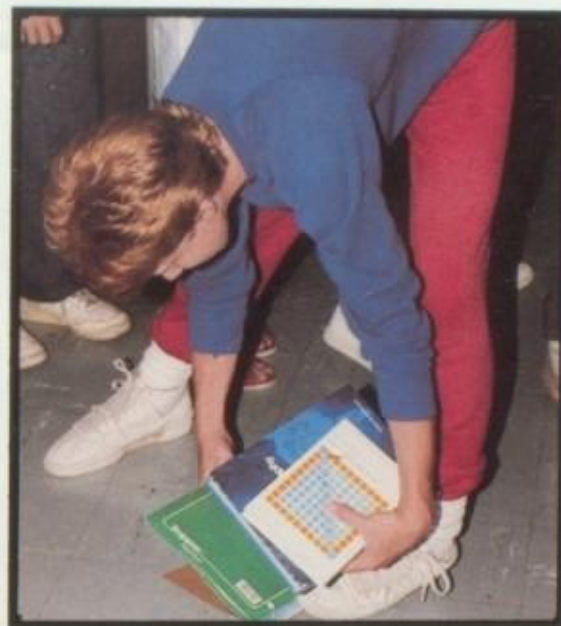
"I want to prepare for college and things that might come up in the future," sophomore Kevin Carl said.

"I expect to get enough smarts to get the job," junior Dawn Thrutchly said.

On the lighter side of school life, students admitted they played games to help break the routine.

"I write notes to my friends," Dawn said.

"Being able to joke around in the hallways makes my day more interest-



Everyday games cause problems for some students. (Photo by Greg Carr)

ing," sophomore Pam Macgrayne said.

While some students didn't mind the cafeteria, the challenge of skipping out to lunch was a popular "hide and seek" game.

Although athletic events and other extracurricular activities were popular games, but when it came to having fun going out with friends was the most popular.

"We usually go to a movie and drive around," senior Brian Franciskato said.

Going to parties, cruising, eating out, listening to music, shopping, watching television, dating and playing sports were also popular things to do.

Students said that they like playing Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit and poker because they are unpredictable and challenging.

"They're games that test your knowledge, skill, strategy and they require you to think," junior Neil Dickerson said.

And, every kind of game became challenging — those on the game board, in the classroom, in the hallways, and in out-of-school activities:

"I guess life itself is a big game. I like to have fun, but I still want to learn from my classes," senior Jeff Stockwell said.



# Parties bring friends together

by Mary Kackley

Music, jamming and loud talking fill the home of a teenager, whose parents are away for the weekend, and the partying game begins.

"I go to parties every weekend," senior Michele Mitchell said. "There's usually a lot of beer, no drugs."

Parties are something most students attend when there's not a game or any after-game activities:

"It's a chance to be with your friends, forget about school and relax," senior Lucia Donahue said.

"You have a good time, drink, listen to music and talk with friends," senior Brad Kinne said.

"Usually hard rock, mellow rock or heavy metal is played," senior Mike Cypret said.

"Sometimes we play poker . . . play for money or clothes," junior Matt Haas laughed.

"I like to gamble at Backgammon,"

senior John Stewart said.

"Parties are fun no matter what you do at them, play poker or just talk," senior Tami Cottrell said.

Parties may be fun and a place to relax and socialize, but what happens when the police arrive?

"I get out quick," Michele said.

"Go to another party," Mike said.

"Usually the police are cool, if they don't find anything (alcohol or drugs) they give you a warning then leave; if they do find something then the party is over," Tami said.

Finding out where the parties are being held isn't too hard:

"You hear about them in the halls and from friends," sophomore Tammy Davis said.

However, some parties may be harder to find, especially different kinds of church socials:

"My church league has parties every once in awhile, but they're not the same kind as my friends go to," Matt

said. "I usually don't go because the league is falling apart."

"In my church league we would go skiing, water canoeing, things like that," junior Pace Brown said.

"I would rather go someplace with my church group than to some party, because you can do what you want to do, not what everyone else is doing," Tammy said.

Drinking or getting high may not be as prominent as some think:

"I fake it, I don't like to drink, but people think you're out of it if you don't," Tammy said.

"We don't really party," Lucia said. "We go over to a friend's house, cook dinner, watch T.V. and talk," she concluded.

Playing the partying game can be defined many different ways; however, John seems to sum up what most students think of when they hear the word party: "It's a place to eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die."

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### *the partying game*



Below are 20 words pertaining to the weekend hidden in the word search. Try to find all 20 and then answer the questions pertaining to the empty squares.

Question: What is the fourth song on the second side of the *Born in the USA* album?

Hint: L RY AY

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# FRIENDS

## Relationships vary with teens

by Mary Kackley

**H**ey! What's it all about? What makes a relationship so worthwhile to have and to hold onto?

"Through the years, from the time we were children, it's obvious we all needed a friend to help us with our problems as well as share our happiness," senior Lori Linson said. "The friendship you have with anyone is a relationship, it helps you feel secure, like someone really cares about you and you them."

"I'm really close with my mom. She listens to me and understands me; it feels good to know she cares," senior Angy Webb said.

"When there's no one else to turn to, I can always count on my parents. I like knowing I can do that," senior Michele Mitchell said.

"I can talk to my grandparents pretty well; they listen and try to help when they can," junior Pace Brown said.

Knowing a parent or grandparent will always be there is a terrific feeling, teens

say. However, not all teenagers have those options.

"Sometimes I can talk to my parents, but there are times I know they just won't understand; I talk to my sister then, or a close friend," Lori said.

"I'd rather talk to a friend than anyone else, they know me better and I can relate to them easier," junior Jeff Brown said.

"It all depends on the situation on whom you should talk to," Pace added.

When a parent or close peer just isn't the right person to talk to, many students have discovered that, the figure behind the desk assigning the dreadful assignment due tomorrow — otherwise classified as the teacher — can also be classified as a friend.

"Mrs. Hood is a good friend to me; I can talk to her easily," senior Beth McConnell said. "I had her for a teacher last year and again this year. We know all about each other's family and about each other."

"It makes me feel good that a student can confide in me and see me as a friend than just a teacher," Vicki Hood, Family Relations teacher, said.

"One day I was upset in class and Mrs. Kalhorn asked me if I wanted to talk about it. She seemed concerned and knowing she was made me feel better," one student said.

In addition to teen-adult relationships, the majority of teenagers feel it's easier to talk with someone their own age, especially if that someone is the person they're dating.

"Marcia Jarnagin is my best friend. If the relationship is going to work, she has to be," senior Kevin Griep said.

"I can talk to Kevin better than anyone. We're close; we've been through good times and bad times together and I know he'll always be there for me," Marcia said.

Kevin says that in any relationship, a mutual trust with an open band of communication will build a stronger and more productive friendship. Senior Sherry Kof-tan agrees. However, there are incidents when jealousy seeks its way through the trust and causes minor interruptions in the relationship. Sherry explains:

"We (Sherry and senior Brian Tann) get jealous if we see the other going out



Seniors Marcia Jarnagin and Kevin Griep find time after school to enjoy the scenery of Little Creek Park. (Photo by Greg Carr)

with someone else, even if it was just friends."

"We never do that, though. We just date each other," Brian added.

"If it did happen, we would talk it out and see how the other feels; never ignore it or someone will end up getting hurt," Sherry said.

All agree, however, each of the other's friends plays an important role in helping the relationship grow.

"It's nice to know his friends like you and vice versa. You feel you belong, even when he's not around. This increases the trust which makes the relationship stronger," Marcia said.

"He goes out with his friends and I go (Continued to page 11)



Juniors Matt Haas and Jan Grotenhuis spend a few minutes before school to discuss personal matters. (Photo by Greg Carr)



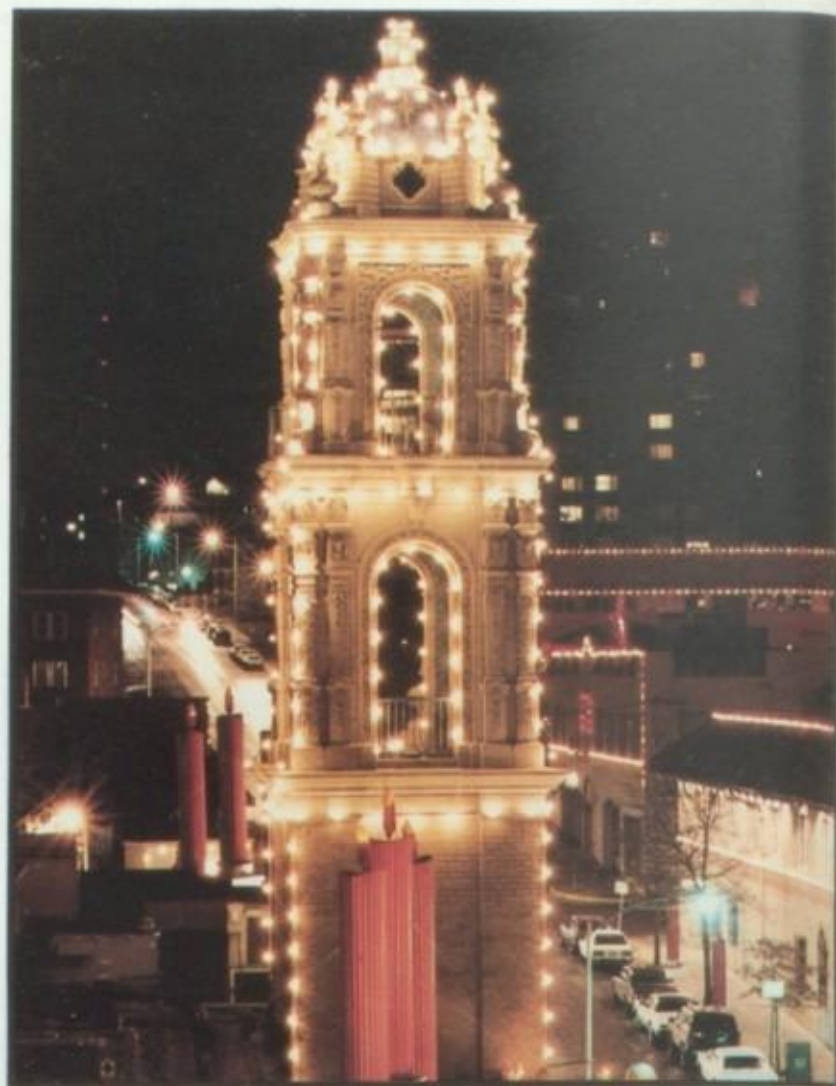


**Marcia and Kevin** have been dating since their sophomore year and have established a bond of trust and friendship between them. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Christmas at the Plaza offers friends a place for fun and excitement. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

There's always time for a social chat either before or after class with senior Beth McConnell and Mrs. Hood. (Photo by Angie Proctor)





# FRIENDS

## Trust keeps relations growing

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out with mine. Both need space; and if you don't give each other space, you feel closed in a little," Sherry said.

Most teens agree that serious relationships like these offers security and the satisfying feeling of being liked. However, not everyone is ready for a serious relationship. Still, as it stands, the majority of teens consider someone of the opposite sex their best friend.

"Besides going out with our friends separately, we go out as groups. We socialize with everyone," Marcia said. "It helps take tension off; you're not always with just each other."

"I don't have a serious relationship

right now with anyone. I'm not ready for one. I can talk to Brenda Williams well, though. We don't date, but we're close friends," freshman Ben Haas said.

"David Goerz is my very best friend. I can tell him anything and not feel embarrassed . . . he does retarded things, too," Michele laughed.

"He has seen me when I've cried and when I'm happy and knows me better than anyone. For a friendship to grow you have to take the good with the bad and still care about each other," Michele continued.

"Talking to guys can be easier, because they understand your problems, since most of my questions relate to them," Lori said.

But, others disagree.

"Girls are easier to talk to, because they're going through the same problems and guys don't always understand," senior Tami Cottrell said.

"I'd rather talk to a guy; they're in the same boat as you," junior Rob Howard

said.

So, what's a relationship all about? Most teens agree "trust" is the key to making it click.

"Without trust, you can't communicate with that person and be yourself. You've got to be able to act stupid and laugh about it without feeling you're not going to be accepted," Lori said.

"I trust Marcia when she goes out with her friends that she won't be flirting with other guys," Kevin said.

"I don't want to ask, 'Hey, what did you do Friday night?' then be afraid to hear the answer," Marcia said.

Tami puts it all in perspective: "Relationships of any kind must have trust, honesty, understanding, and the ability to communicate well with each other. This gives a sense of security and a good feeling of knowing someone is always there. Without these the two can't really say they're close friends, let alone even friends."



This better be good . . . senior David Labor and his date, sophomore Diane Dietrick, take in an afternoon movie at the Blue Ridge Cinema. (Photo by Greg Carr)

While curing their appetites, students gather at McDonald's to socialize. (Photo by Greg Carr)



# MUSIC

## Diversity keeps teens listening

by Cam Larsen

**M**usic has become an ever-increasing part of students' lives. The availability of it has gone from our homes, to our cars, and finally to headphones for on-the-go listening. Students always find time to listen.

"I always have the radio on in the car . . . the minute I go in my room the stereo goes on!" senior Doug Day said.

"I listen in my spare time or while I'm doing my homework," senior Mary Johnson said.

The type of music they listen to varies according to the individual. Some students are open-minded in their tastes. Each person has his own reasons for the type they choose.

"I like country and rock . . . mostly rock, but I like Hank Williams, Jr., a lot," senior Scott Issacs said.

"I like older groups like Led Zeppelin," sophomore Randy Graves said.

"I like pop rock, because it has a good beat," freshman Jennifer Jenkins said.

Music has different meanings to students. What it does for them depends on their mood or their situation. For some it's just something to do; for others the popularity of the songs sometimes depends on if the student can relate his or her problems to the song.

"It makes me feel better when I'm down; sometimes it relaxes me," freshman Kirk Gutekunst said.

"If the song is about a problem I have, I like it," sophomore Dana Wear said.

Song lyrics take on different meanings for different students.

"Right now, I like Billy Joel because I can understand the words," Mary said.

"Whether I like it or not doesn't depend on the lyrics; it's based more on the music," Kirk said.

"Lyrical content has a lot to do with the song. It tells me about the intelligence of the bands and the image of the average listener," junior David Burrus said.

As of late, song lyrics have been under the watchful eye of various citizens awareness groups. They are trying to make pro-

ducers label their records with a warning if they contain misleading or profane lyrics.

"I think they have the right to censor the records because kids might get a hold of them, without the parents knowing it," Dana said.

"In a way, some songs should be rated because they encourage kids to get stoned or something," Kirk said.

Music plays an important part in personal relations. It is a way to relate to one another and provides a common interest, although it doesn't inhibit the formation of friendship.

"I listen to what appeals to me," Dana said.

"I like to listen to pop rock, but alot of my friends listen to 98," junior Stacey Anderson said. "It's just easier when you're riding in the car because they aren't changing the stations."

Regardless of the difference in preference or reasons for listening, almost everyone feels the same as senior Rochelle Kasten:

"I like just plain old rock 'n roll."

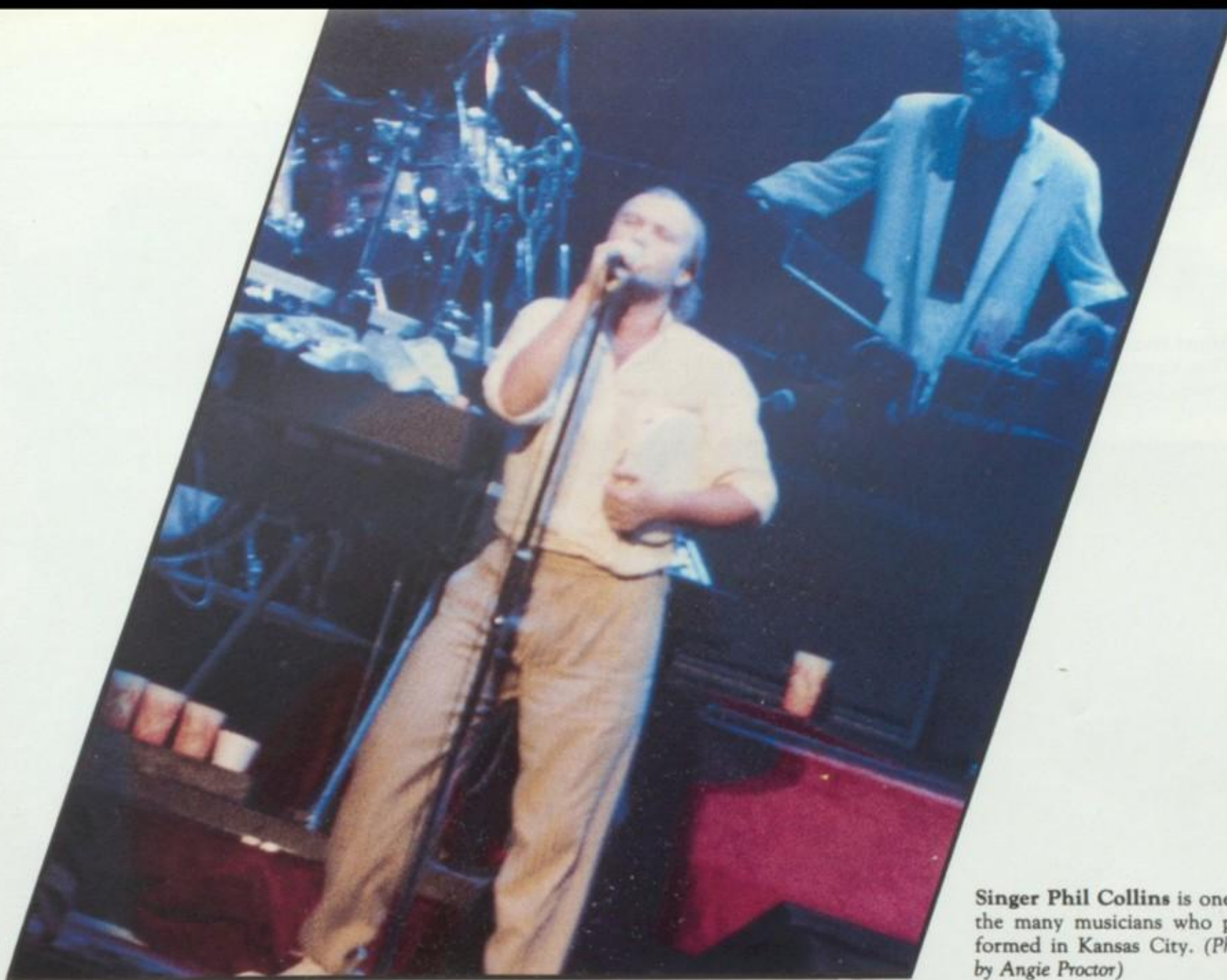


Musical interests have great diversity among students. (Photo by Angie Proctor)

Headphones provide privacy for sophomore Leonard Keller while studying. (Photo by Angie Proctor)







Singer Phil Collins is one of the many musicians who performed in Kansas City. (Photo by Angie Proctor)





Many students own their own cars, so it's not unusual to see even juniors like Greg Vaughn checking out all the options. He is inspecting an '86 Pontiac Fiero. (Photos by Shawn Floyd)



Stickers don't seem to stop the parking lot congestion. (Photo by Greg Carr)



# WHEELS

## More than just transportation

by Pat Allen

Some like them for status — others just for transportation — yet others for a feeling of ownership. But, one thing is for sure, a car is a major part of a student's life.

Kids find it all too easy to cast students into stereotypes simply by the cars they drive:

"Kids think that just because a person drives a pick-up he is a cowboy and that's not always true," senior Sam Accurso said.

"People either think it's cute or they think it's stupid to drive a car like mine," junior Dave DeWalt, the proud owner of a 1962 Austin Healey Bug-Eye Sprite, said.

Many kids, however, want a car that brings attention on them. This attention can be in the form of ridicule or compliments:

"I get a lot of people looking; they yell or compliment me on my car. They ask a lot of questions about the car," junior Steve Pool, who drives a 1965 Mustang convertible, said.

Some kids are not concerned as much about what kind of car they are driving as much as they are that they have a car to get there and buy a car themselves:

"A person's car doesn't tell me a lot about him. Just because a person doesn't drive a nice car doesn't mean he isn't a

nice person," senior Rhonda Davis, who owns a Datsun 210, pointed out.

"Someone who has a little money and buys a Honda or Volkswagen rather than a '69 Camaro with a 350 and a 4-barrel, this reflects their intelligence to me," junior David Burrus, who owns a 1977 Mercury Ghia, said.

Buying your own car has become more and more popular among teenagers, yet to pay for this car, they must either get a job or have their parents give them the car:

"Kids will have enough bills to pay throughout the rest of their life. Why should they have to worry about it now?" senior David Snapp asked.

"I think kids who have a car given to them by their parents are spoiled because they haven't worked for it and usually they don't take responsibility for it," senior Jeff Passantino, who bought his Datsun 200SX, said.

If they aren't lucky enough to have their parents give them a car, they will



Gas becomes a major expense for junior Katie White. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

probably try to save the money themselves and get a job in order to pay the insurance and gas bills.

Senior Mike Hatt provides all the expenses required for his 1985 Chevy S-10 Blazer:

"I feel that this (paying the bills) is a learning experience that is necessary in becoming a responsible adult," he said.



Junior Dave DeWalt's Austin Healey Bug-Eye Sprite is the perfect car for a suntan. (Photo by Greg Carr)



# MONEY

## Fundraising: a popular activity

by Susan Appleberry

**S**elling everything from balloons to hotdogs at the Chiefs' games has become routine for some students.

"We have to have fundraisers. Everything is so expensive," said senior Paige Brown, president of Trutones.

"Candy sales are the quickest way to make money. It's one that you can see a substantial profit on immediately. It's a product the student body will consume and the price is reasonable," Bill Drinkwater, Student Council sponsor, said.

Family Relations classes and some choir groups have tried the brochures for fundraising.

"If you need to make a lot of money, I think the brochures are better because that stuff appeals to adults and they're the ones with the money," Paige said.

Other groups have turned to larger money-making ideas.

Cross country is just one of many groups who have worked with Volume Services at Royals' or Chiefs' games.

"We made \$1200 at the Chiefs/Raiders game. That's the most any Truman club has made at any one game," Coach Tom Billington said.

"Student Council makes the majority of their money off dances. They are a reasonably good way to raise money if they're held at a time when students are willing to come," Drinkwater said.

Improvements were made in the weight room by funds raised through a Lift-a-thon.

Sophomore Lance Miller said, "You got a sign-up sheet and had to get sponsors

for a penny per pound you lift. With the money we raised, they painted the walls, put up mirrors and got new equipment. It made a difference — big time! Maybe they should do that to the whole school."

Senior Beth Welborn, AFS president said, "AFS has balloon sales and AFS week to raise money. We have to pay to bring the AFS students here. The number of AFS students we can have next year depends on the amount of money we raise."

Beth said, "Sometimes when everyone's fundraisers get going at once, it gets to be a little too much. How else would every club get their money? Most people don't think anything of it anymore. Fundraising is a big part of clubs. It's a lot of work, but I think it can be a lesson in responsibility, too."

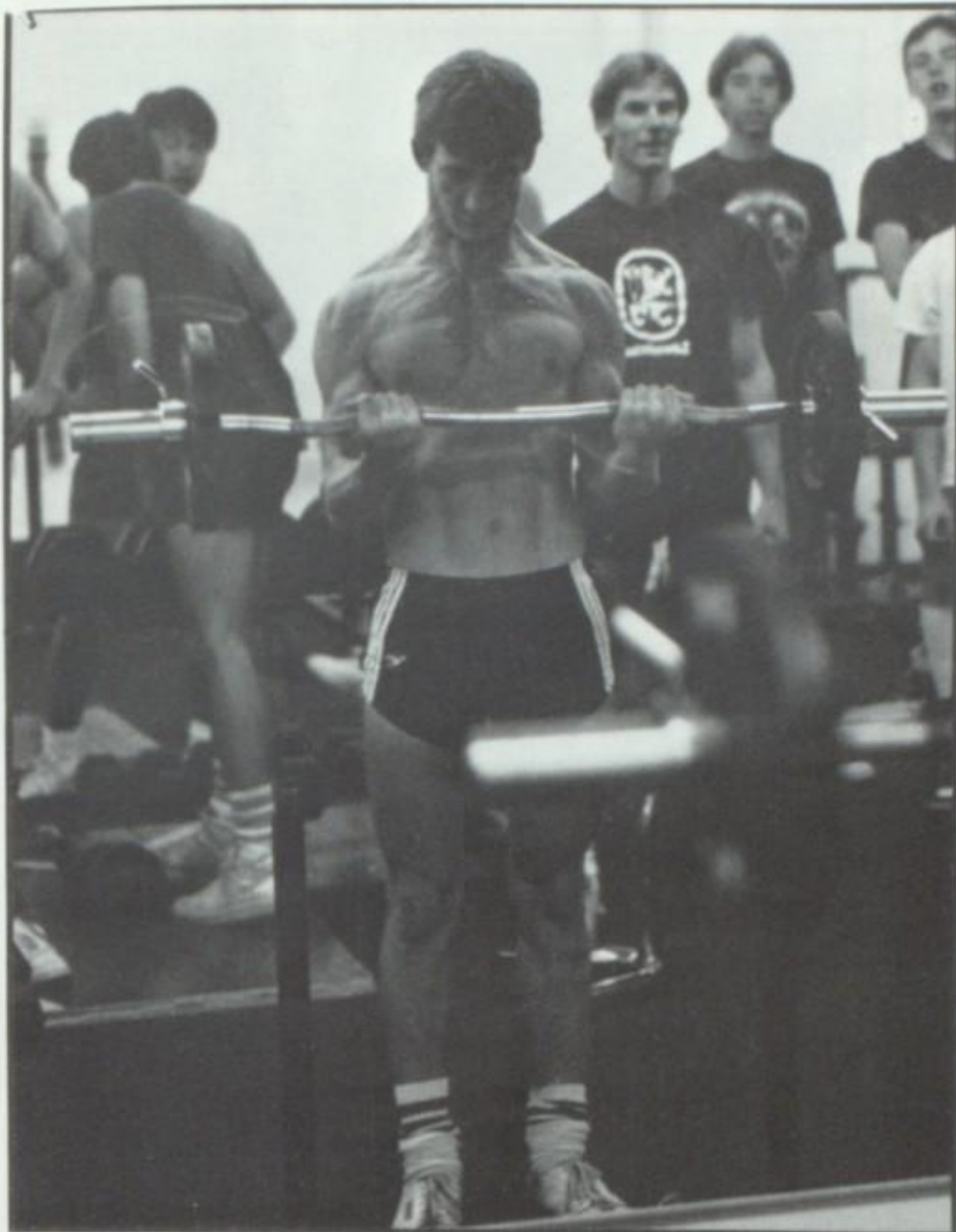


**The amount** is not official until the money is counted by Chris Apple, Pep Club treasurer, and deposited with Mrs. Miller, financial secretary. (Photo by Angie Proctor)

**Candy is picked up** by sophomore Chad John, president, and Joe Ranallo for a sophomore class fundraiser. (Photo by Greg Carr)







To build his muscles, junior Chris Johnson makes use of new weight equipment, bought by specially raised funds. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



Senior Mike Hatt contributes to the United Way campaign, which netted \$2,315.19. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Working in a concession stand enables junior Christi Buro to raise money for her class. (Photo by Angie Proctor)





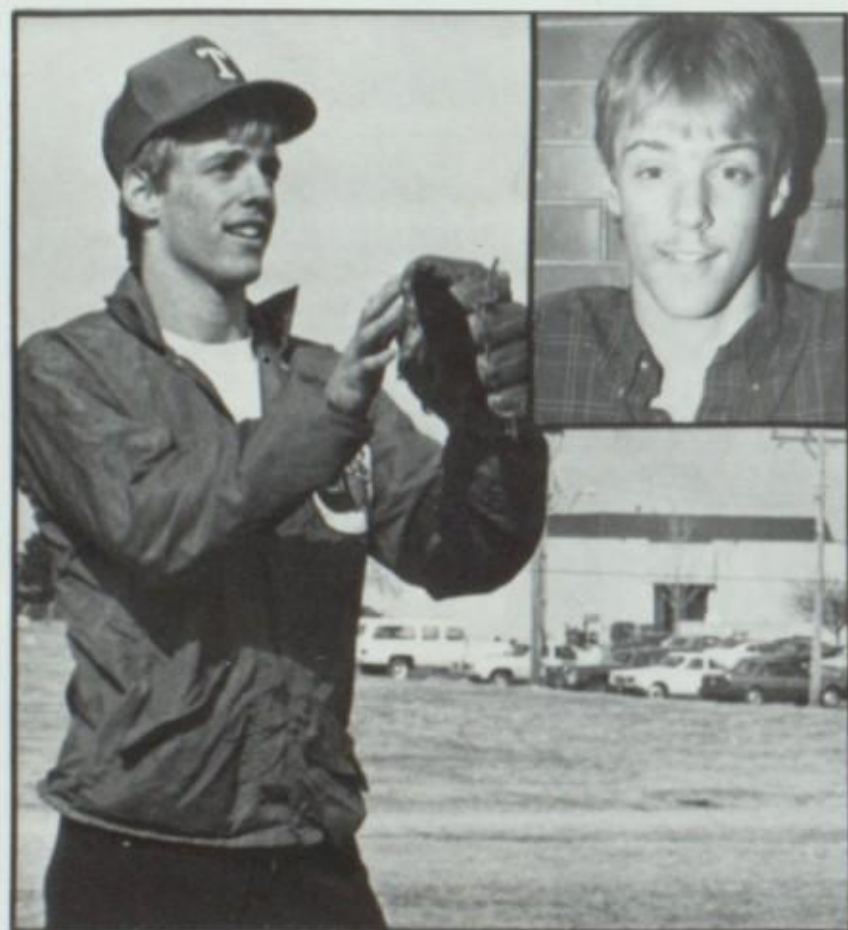
Senior Chris Whiting

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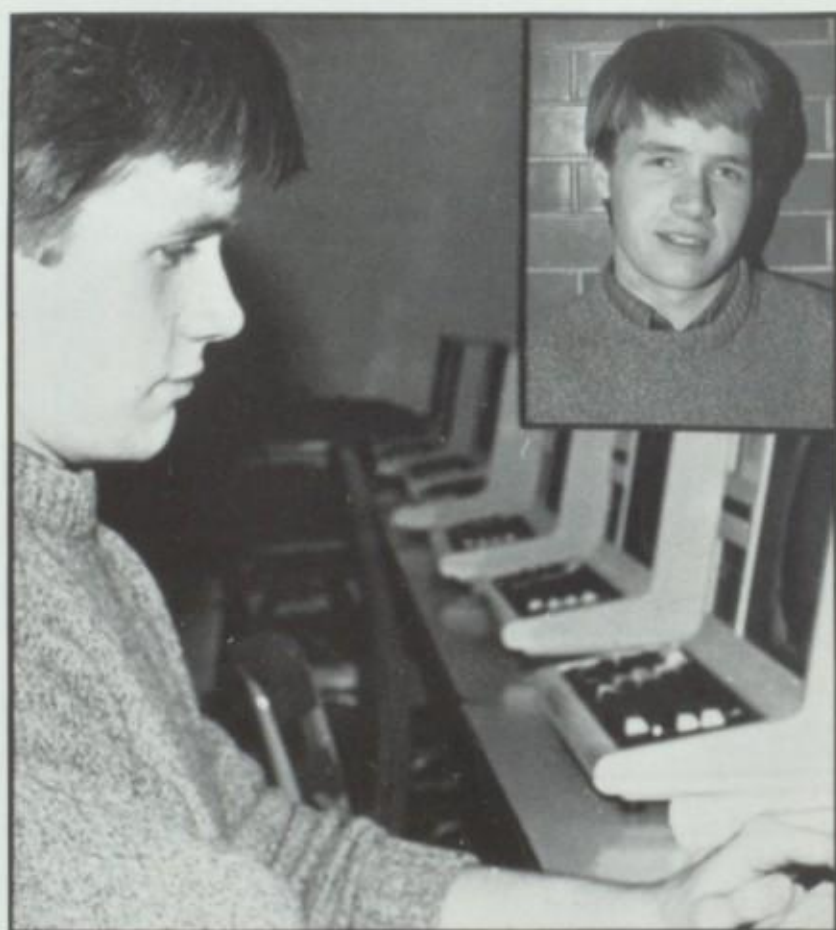
Junior Kiers Downing

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Sophomore David Mitchell

*"I have no regrets about all the time I've put into school and sports because that's what I like doing."*



Freshman Jeremy White

*"If you get involved you can have a lot of fun. If you attempt it, you can make the best of your high school years."* (Photos by Tim Mitchell)



# WHO'S WHO

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## Classes honor high achievers

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by Susan Appleberry

**S**urprise was the main reaction from the Who's Who representatives when they were recognized by their classes. Senior Chris Whiting, junior Kiers Downing, sophomore David Mitchell and freshman Jeremy White were chosen for their leadership, citizenship, school spirit and scholastic ability.

"It was a real surprise for me, because I know a lot of people thought someone else should get it this year," Chris said.

Chris was also honored his junior year for Who's Who. In addition, he was selected as an Outstanding Senior for the Independence Optimist Club.

Chris credits his parents for some of his success: "If I ask them, they will always help me. They're really supportive and concerned about what goes on at school and with me."

Involvement played a big part in Chris' school year. He was a member of Quill & Scroll, NFL, editorials editor for the newspaper and senior class president.

"I think if you're involved and like it, the biggest reward is in the involvement itself. Who's Who is just additional."

"If you can't feel good about yourself without being elected or having other people tell you that you are great, you can't feel good about yourself. It has to come from the inside," Chris said.

Kiers' activities centered around the drama department this year. She played the lead female roles in both "The Man Who Came to Dinner" and "The King and I."

"I like working with people. I think theater is fun. You get to meet so many people. You can get close to people you've never really known before," Kiers said.

Other activities for Kiers were Tru-

tones, Thespians, Concert Choir, Honorary Dramatic Society, and Modern Music Masters.

Kiers expressed her surprise. "I don't consider myself as someone who would be a Who's Who-type person. I guess it was just a surprise. It is an honor, though."

Devotion was a big part of Kiers' success: "Sometimes I'm at school from 2:30 to about 9:30, besides the regular school day. Theater takes a lot of time. I didn't realize how much went into it, especially a musical."

"I think Who's Who is a good thing to have get people recognized — as long as they stay humble about it," Kiers said.

Sports demanded most of David's time, since he played both football and baseball. He was also sophomore class treasurer.

"I have no regrets about all the time I've put into school and sports because that's what I like doing," David said.

"I like sports activities. It gets a lot of people together, like at football and a basketball games. But, the biggest thing I do besides sports is racing motorcycles. That's what takes up most of my summer."

David has been involved in motocross racing for four years and has raced everywhere from KCIR to Jefferson City. He also credits his parents for his achievements:

"Without their help there's no way I could have ever gotten where I am now. Like with racing — I couldn't afford my own motorcycle and you can't race without one!"

Jeremy was also involved in sports. He was a Student Council Representative in addition to playing football, basketball and baseball.

"I like the sports at Truman. The

math program is pretty good, too."

Jeremy excelled in math. As a freshman, he took Algebra II and Trigonometry.

"I plan to take all the math available to me. The career choices I've been looking at will involve math to a high level."

"I have to think being involved in school is important. I've talked to some seniors who said who said they weren't that involved and regret it. If you get involved you can have a lot of fun. If you attempt it, you can make the best of your high school years," Jeremy said.

by Susan Appleberry

**E**ach year the "Heritage" acknowledges eight exceptional students who have made significant contributions to their class or to Truman.

Candidates were nominated by their classmates and then narrowed down to four finalists. A final vote was taken to determine each class' Who's Who representative.

The faculty was asked to nominate one individual they felt was an outstanding academic student who showed promise of continuing academic success. A final election was held for the top four student who received the most nominations.

Club sponsors nominated one senior in their club for their involvement and contribution. Student Council executive officers then made the final selection from the list of nominees.

All athletic coaches were asked to select a boy and a girl athlete who had made outstanding athletic accomplishments.



# WHO'S WHO

## Seniors salute four top leaders

by Cam Larsen

**A**s a result of nominations by teachers, sponsors and coaches, Who's Who honors Truman seniors who have excelled in the areas of academics, activities and sports.

Susan Appleberry was chosen for her scholastic achievements. She had set high standards for herself and excelled in academics.

"Grades have never been a big deal at home, but I expect high grades from myself," Susan said.

Doing well in class and keeping up with other activities was another challenge that she faced.

"I had to learn how to organize my time because of all the other things I do. You have to learn to leave a little bit of time for everything."

Maintaining a high academic average and participating in other activities was

demanding. It wasn't easy for her.

"I'm not one of those people that it comes easy for. Sometimes I think that I won't be able to keep up with them much longer."

Career plans were one of the driving forces behind Susan's desire to do well.

"After going to M.U. and majoring in pre-dentistry, I hope to get into dental school."

Throughout high school, academics have been important to Susan but so has keeping up with outside activities.

"I do have a social life, I don't consider myself a bookworm. Grades are the same as everything else; they go along with high school."

Sometimes Susan wondered whether the time spent late at night was going to be worthwhile.

"It's worth it to yourself in the end." Being involved gave Cari Christensen

a chance to be part of the planning and preparation of many activities.

Cari has been on the cheerleading squad for four years. This year she was captain of the varsity squad. Her junior year she was a bat girl for the baseball team.

"I love sports and those are my ways of getting involved with them," she said.

Another activity of her senior year was that of choreographer for the school play, "The King and I," as well as working on other productions.

"I made up one of the dancing routines in 'The King and I.' For the last two years I've been involved in every play and worked on a lot of crews.

Cari was also secretary of the senior class.

"We have a lot of work to do as it gets closer to prom . . . I'm looking forward to it though."

Being involved can become very time



**Academics — Susan Appleberry**

*"I expect high grades from myself. I had to learn how to organize my time because of all the other things I do."*



**Activities — Cari Christensen**

*"My friends tease me that when I have some time for myself, I won't know what to do with it."*



consuming and can make life much tougher.

"I've learned to be organized. When I wake up I have lots of things to consider. Being involved in all of the activities has taught me to manage my time and life."

Support from her mother and boyfriend were a helpful factor in her busy schedule as well as the compliments from the people around her.

"What makes cheerleading worthwhile is when I was told that I was one of the most organized captains the squad had ever had."

Cari also had activities outside of school that were demanding. During the football season, she became a member of the Chiefettes. Being involved made up a large part of high school for her, but she was glad for several reasons.

"The more I get involved, the more I like it. I do so because I like to be organized and take charge of what's going on. My activities have taken priority over school, but I haven't let my grades drop . . . My friends tease me that when I have some time for myself, I won't know what to do with it."

Karen Kinney's athletic talents in basketball, volleyball and softball won her recognition from her coaches. Karen felt that sports played an important role in her high school years.

"When I was a freshman, the volleyball camp gave me a chance to meet with

other freshmen as well as the upperclassmen."

Her continued involvement on Truman's teams has also given her the chance to make new acquaintances which led to other successes.

"I've had the chance to make many good relationships . . . and have gotten to know a lot of people. Sports have helped me academically and made me become more of a leader."

Being recognized for her abilities made Karen perform even harder.

"I don't want to let people down . . . I want to show them that I'm a hard worker and I try to give everything I can."

Karen's basis for playing sports came from her parents and from her appreciation of sports.

"I've always enjoyed sports and the competitiveness. My dad is really athletic and has encouraged me to play. My parents go to every game . . . if I have a bad game they don't criticize me, they just tell me I had an off night."

Karen's plans for the future include playing volleyball and basketball in college. This will give her the chance to be competitive and stay in shape.

"I think all of the time and effort is worth it . . . It always seems to have its own way of paying off in the end."

Brian Tann was selected by coaches because of his outstanding athletic abilities.

Sports have been an important part of his life.

"I've participated in sports for a long time. I started in city programs and when I got to high school I decided to continue . . . When I got to Truman, I didn't know what to expect, but once I had participated I wanted to stick with it."

Sports have given a different aspect to high school for Brian, but it was worth his time and effort.

"Sports have made academics a lot tougher. I'm glad I've participated though, it's made high school more fun. The practices provide a break from the everyday routine of school."

Involvement in sports also allowed Brian to achieve some of his goals.

"Sports have been important. They have given me the chance to meet a lot of new people. I would like to continue playing in college, and the high school sports give you a better chance to reach that kind of goal . . . it has also given me a chance to compete, to set goals for myself and for the team."

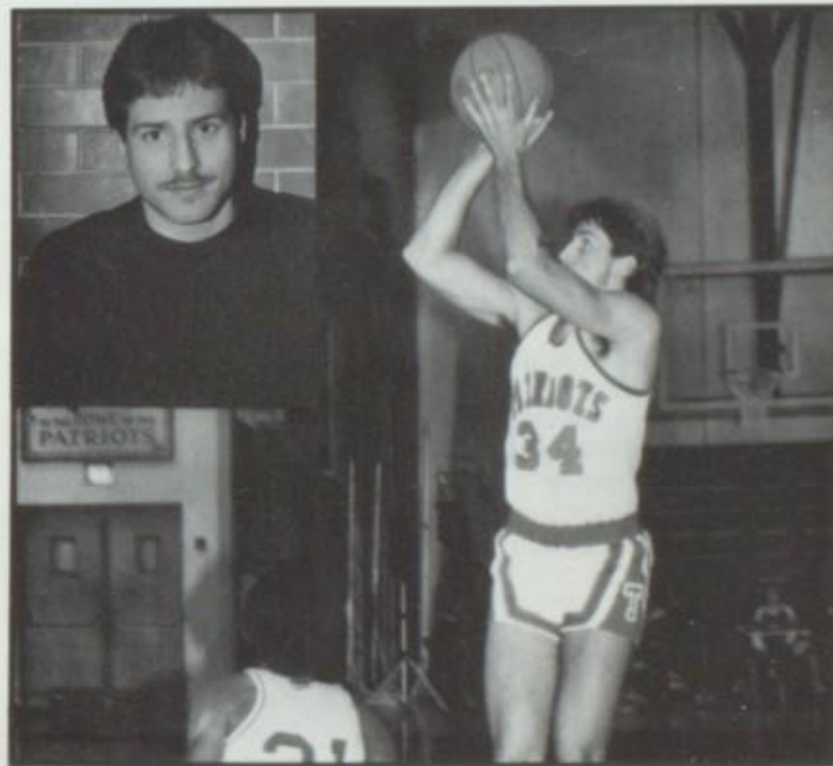
When the teams Brian played for reached conference, district or state playoffs he drove himself even harder. His '84 baseball season gave him the chance to attend state playoffs and this year he was second in the area for most points per game in basketball. Brian also did what few athletes at Truman get a chance to do.

"My sophomore year I got to play varsity, which I consider a big privilege."



**Athletics — Karen Kinney**

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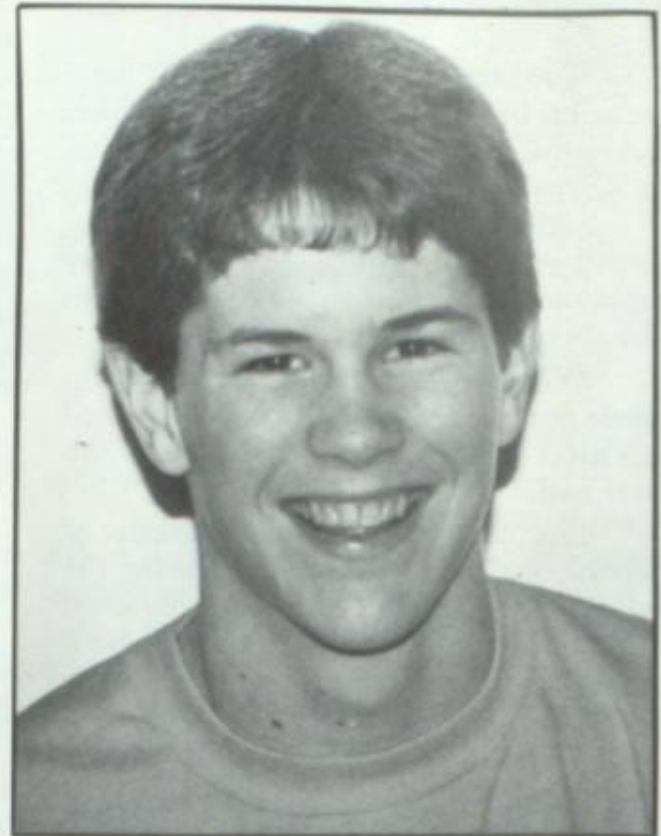
**Athletics — Brian Tann**

*"Sports have been important. I would like to continue playing in college, and the high school sports give you a better chance to reach that kind of goal."*

(Photos by Tim Mitchell)



Being the Sophomore Pilgrimage and Hugh O'Brien representative were honors granted to sophomore Chad John. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



In recognition for his involvement senior Chris Whiting received the Daughters of the American Revolution award. (Photo by Greg Carr)

Students nominated for the Curators scholarship were Cam Larsen, Doug Palmer, Susan Appleberry, David Snapp, Gerry Starr, Eric Baker and Brian Franciskato. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Those honored as an Outstanding Senior were Rochelle Kasten, Rhonda Davis, Brian Franciskato, Brian Tann, Cynthia Savage, David Snapp, Chris Whiting and Susan Appleberry. (Photo by Greg Carr)





# HONORS

## Top students attain recognition

by Mary Kackley

Several students each year are recognized for being outstanding achievers and are awarded with honors or scholarships.

Chris Whiting and Rhonda Davis were recognized as being outstanding seniors, and therefore, represented the senior class at an Optimist Club meeting.

"To decide who will represent the senior class, teachers nominated students whom they felt had leadership, school spirit and did well scholastically," Chris said.

"The senior class voted on the nominees," Rhonda said.

Along with Chris and Rhonda, several other seniors were recognized: Susan Appleberry, Rochelle Kasten, Cynthia Savage, Brian Franciskato, David Snapp and Brian Tann.

"It felt kind of neat to know teachers thought I was capable enough for this honor. Also, it was neat that the seniors wanted Chris and I to represent them," Rhonda said.

In addition, Chris received the Daugh-

ters of the American Revolution Good Citizen award.

"I didn't know anything about it; Mr. Stewart just came up to me one day and said they had chosen me for the award," Chris said.

The Curators Scholarship is given every year to one percent of the senior class. To be eligible, students must be in the top three percent of their class. There were seven nominees: Susan Appleberry, Eric Baker, Brian Franciskato, Cam Larsen, Doug Palmer, David Snapp and Gerry Starr.

"To be eligible for this scholarship, the student must plan to go to M.U., UMKC, St. Louis University or Rolla. They must have scored 90 percent or above on their ACT and 1120 on their SAT," counselor Buell Stewart said.

Nominees each had to write a short essay about themselves.

"We almost sounded conceited because we had to write how good we are in academics and sports and why we deserved the scholarship. It was like we were selling ourselves," Gerry said.

"The Curators Scholarship will pay for the student's tuition. For the first time,

however, we also will have four alternatives," Stewart said.

In addition to seniors being honored, many underclassmen received recognition and awards. One was the Missouri Scholar Academy award.

"Two sophomores received this award. This year it was Tom Safley and Marcia Chadwick," Stewart said.

The award was based on their grade point average, student essay, scores selected on an independent intellectual test and projective benefits to students on participation.

Sophomore Chad John received both the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation and Sophomore Pilgrimage awards.

"The Hugh O'Brien award was based on leadership. At the seminar we learned about the leaders of today, current events and exploring America's incentive system," Chad said.

The Pilgrimage award is given every year to a sophomore teachers' nominee and then the sophomore class votes.

"It felt good to win this award . . . to think the teachers nominated me and the sophomores wanted me to represent them," Chad said.



In addition to being high achievers, Chris Whiting and Rhonda Davis display they have a sense of humor, too. (Photo by Greg Carr)



# SPIRIT

## StuCo helps to increase spirit

by Carolyn Gillmor

**W**ebster's dictionary defines spirit as "a lively or brisk quality in a person or his actions." But school spirit seems to be much harder to define.

"It's hard to pinpoint just what school spirit is," senior Paul LeVota said. "Is it involvement in music or playing sports or being a member of clubs?"

Senior Robert Sanders defined school spirit as "having pride for the place where you spend your time. You're going to be there a while, so you might as well make the most of it."

School spirit increased this year with the help of Student Council. Spirit month, held in October, recognized and honored every aspect of school life during a given

week. In February Pride Week gave each of the four classes a day to show their spirit by wearing red, white and blue. Student Council also increased posters announcing upcoming events.

"I think Student Council tried more to get things approved," senior Susan Appleberry said. "Like having the assemblies and trying to get the pop machines open during school — even if their ideas didn't get passed, they tried. It also seemed like there was not as much vandalism."

Seniors Robert Sanders and Becky Schafer were announced Mr. and Miss School Spirit. Nominees included: Susan Appleberry, Melissa Madewell, Paul LeVota and Tom White. Pep Club made nominations and a final vote was made by the student body.

"I was excited," Becky said. "It felt good to know that many people voted for

me. Rob deserved to win, he's our mascot. He is visible to the crowd and he's outgoing."

"It makes you realize that all the time after school that you think goes unnoticed is really being realized by someone," Susan said. "School spirit is more than just a six or seven hour school day."

"It's good recognition," Paul said. "It really makes all the work on Student Council worthwhile. All three (of the male) candidates were different aspects of spirit. I was on StuCo, Tom played football and Rob is the mascot, it kind of showed the difference in spirit."

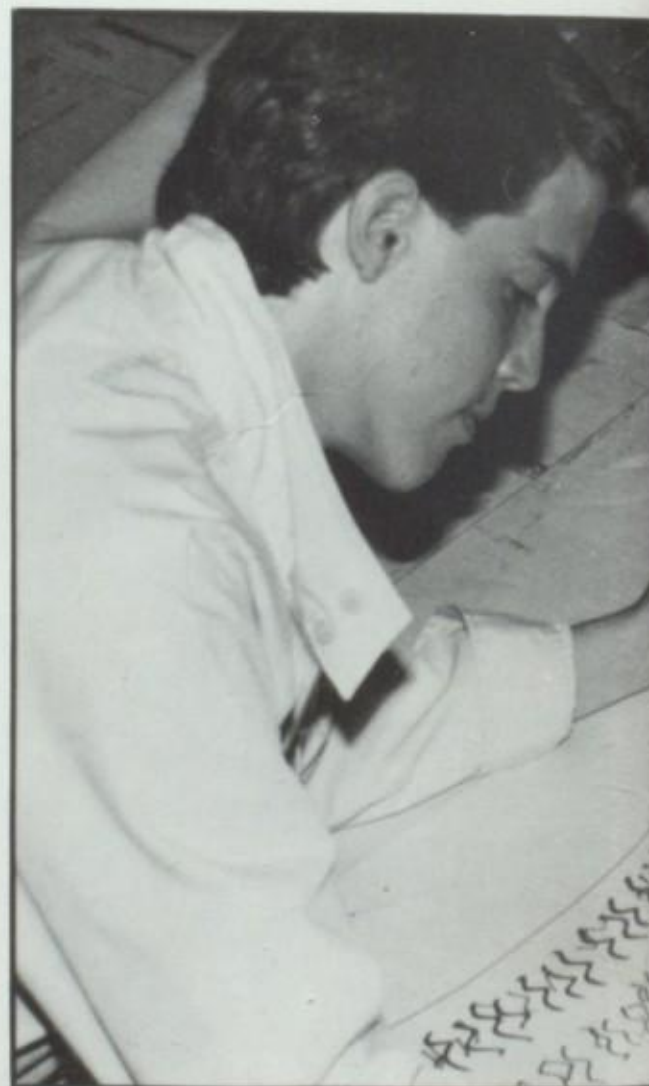
"My freshman year I played sports, so when I look at the guys I used to play with I can really relate with them. I just took a different route from sports and ended up being mascot. I'm glad I did," Robert said.

"It was a neat award to be recognized for," Becky said.



Mr. and Miss School Spirit nominees: Paul LeVota, Susan Appleberry, Tom White, Melissa Madewell, Becky Schafer (Miss School Spirit), Rob Sanders (Mr. School Spirit).

As a member of Student Council, senior Paul LeVota makes posters for upcoming events.  
(Photo by Debbie Shaft)





Student Council led a campaign to raise school spirit at Truman. Part of this campaign came in the form of increased posters around the school. Students were encouraged to sign their name showing their spirit for the Courtwarming game against Chrisman High School. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Pep assemblies caused an increase in spirit as varsity cheerleaders and yell leaders do a skit for the upcoming game. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



# FALL PLAY

## Dedication of big cast pays off

by Mary Kackley

As the lights dimmed and the curtain rose, actors Liz Lamers and Kirk Brewer opened the first act of "The Man Who Came To Dinner," a comedy by Kaufman and Hart.

The play began and the restlessness of the audience settled. However, nervousness still sputtered inside the performers as they suffered with anxiety and anticipation to offer their best acting in such a difficult play as this.

"The play was tough to do for several reasons," junior Sean Titus (Sandy) said.

"One reason was because members of the cast were missing practices due to illness; we never were sure who was going to be in the play and who wasn't," senior Jeff Stockwell (Shereton Whiteside) said.

"Also, the play called for at least 28 actors; when dealing with that many people, timing had to be just right. It took awhile, but we finally narrowed the play down from lasting five hours to two hours," Sean said.

"The play is basically centered around an old obnoxious man (Whiteside) who hurts his hip in Ohio. He decides to stay until his hip heals. Maggie, his secretary (junior Kiers Downing) is vital to him. She falls in love with Burt Jefferson (senior Mike Folsom). Automatically, Whiteside disapproves of the couple and attempts to break them apart, however, he is unsuccessful and soon approves of them. In the process, his hip heals and he packs to go home, when ironically, he falls and breaks his hip again," junior Darren Bradley (Beverly Carlton) said.

Darren also explained that Whiteside, himself, is a difficult character, as he is supposed to be the world's most obnoxious man. Whiteside's character was molded after a critic of Kaufman and Hart. Jeff explains the difficulty of Whiteside.

"One thing, we're both totally differ-

ent; Whiteside is rich, famous, old and a writer. I'm none of those." Whiteside is also constantly in a wheelchair, so I had to learn how to use a wheelchair without running into everything and everybody."

Jeff was also costume director, so while he was on stage, the cast needed him backstage to help them in getting the costumes they needed.

"It was confusing, but Valya Bronson was my assistant and helped a great deal," Jeff said.

Other cast members also found their parts partially hard; however, they were practically free to create their own character's identity.

"Maggie, Whiteside's right-hand, was so normal and level-headed, she was harder to play then if she had a distinctive personality," Kiers said. "Tucker, however, let us play the character how we saw the character."

Even though timing was difficult to accomplish, some cast members agreed that their timing was almost to perfection except for one minor and funny incident.

"In one scene Banjo (junior Matt Haas) knocks on the door in hopes that the

nurse (junior Karen Schroeder) answers the door. When she does, Banjo is supposed to pick her up and yell, 'Kiss Me Patrushka!' Well, instead of the nurse answering the door, the butler (senior Mike Whited) did . . . Banjo picked him up instead," Sean said.

"It was funny. Backstage we were laughing as hard as the audience. I don't think they realized it was a mistake," Kiers said.

In a situation like this, cast members say it's best to keep the character going as if the mistake were part of the play.

"The audience won't know it's a mistake unless the actor lets them," Jeff added.

Until the last curtain lowered and lights brightened, ending the last act of the last performance, everyone was vital in putting on the comedy, Sean said.

"Everyone should experience working in a play, whether on stage or backstage. It took Tucker, Michelle Doll (student director), make-up and stage-craft crew, costume director and the cast to make the play successful. And no matter how difficult or time-consuming it was, in the end it's all worth it."



Whiteside and Lorraine Sheldon (senior Peggy Cordle) lure Burt away from Maggie in an attempt to break up their relationship. (Photo by Greg Carr)





Maggie Cutler was Whiteside's secretary and right hand; she played an important character in his life. (Photo by Greg Carr)

Maggie and Burt plan to marry without Whiteside's approval. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Beverly plays the piano and sings for Maggie and Sheridan. (Photo by Greg Carr)

Junior Julie Graybill played Whiteside's maid and Mike played his butler. (Photo by Greg Carr)



# MUSICAL

## Singing, dancing ability show

by Mary Kackley

**E**lectrifying lights, sparkling glitter and multiple colors decorated the stage as the drama and music departments performed one of its most difficult musicals, "The King and I," by Oscar Hammerstein II.

"I chose to do 'The King and I' because I've always loved it — all the exotic dancing and lively music — and I knew we had the right people for the casting," director Kat Tucker said.

Leads consisted of Highland Mulumu, the King; Kiers Downing, Anna Leonowens; Joseph Ahmu, Prince Chulalongkorn; Mindy Matthews, Lady Thiang; Jeff Stockwell, the Kralahome; Julie Graybill, Tuptim; Rob Howard, Lun Tha; and Chris Marks, Louis Leonowens.

"Everyone played their characters extremely well. Highland and Kiers sang and danced wonderfully," art teacher Janice Malott said.

"The musical began with the King of Siam sending Anna a letter to come to Siam and teach his children," Julie said. "Anna agreed to go to Siam; however, the King didn't mention that he expected her to be one of his servants. The play was based on how Anna refused to be a servant and how Tuptim (a gift to the King) tried to escape from slavery with Lun Tha."

"The play was fun to do. Doing a

musical was new to me and a lot of the other performers, but I think we pulled it off well, considering all the difficulties," Kiers said.

One problem the cast experienced was the breakdown of three transformers during rehearsal. Soon, however, electricians were called to help get the lights shining again.

"Without lights, we delayed rehearsals for awhile, but as soon as they began working again, everything rolled back to normal," Joseph said.

"Another problem was the costumes," Jeff said. "Valya Bronson, Erin Burke and Michelle Doll helped a great deal with getting them finished. Sometimes they worked all night on them, missed school the next day and stayed home to sew."

"It was hard work; there were at least three costumes per person. Highland had more. Thousands of dollars were spent on them, too," Kiers said.

"Some of the money even came out of our own pockets," Jeff added.

Nevertheless, actors agreed, the difficulties proved penniless compared to the rewards the play offered.

"Just being a part of the play was rewarding," Joseph said.

"Everyone helped," Tucker added. "Not just the wonderful cast and crew, but all the great teachers who got involved:

Bruce Dickerson, Gary Love and his orchestra, Janice Malott and her Art III class, Sue Ridings, Jim Simmons, Harold Thomson with the technicalities and J.C. Waters with the ship."

"The dancing, scenery and technicalities were put together smoothly. I was surprised at how the play began to develop into a great performance," Kiers said.

In addition to the cast cooperation and the aid of teachers, two other helpers contributed their devotion to the play.

"Dennis Wojciechowicz was an outstanding student director. He devoted his time totally to the play and was always there when someone needed help," Tucker said.

"Cari Christensen did an excellent job with the choreography," Joseph said.

"Cari did all the work. I didn't help her with the dancing at all," Tucker said.

In addition to the success of the cast and crew member's unity, they agreed, the musical was a play to remember.

"There was so much togetherness and that's what made it work," Joseph said.

Malott, agreeing with Joseph, summed up most of the cast and crew member's feelings by expressing her viewpoint of the play, "It was wonderfully done. The glitter, colors, acting — Highland was truly outstanding — everyone performed beautifully. The play was brilliant!"



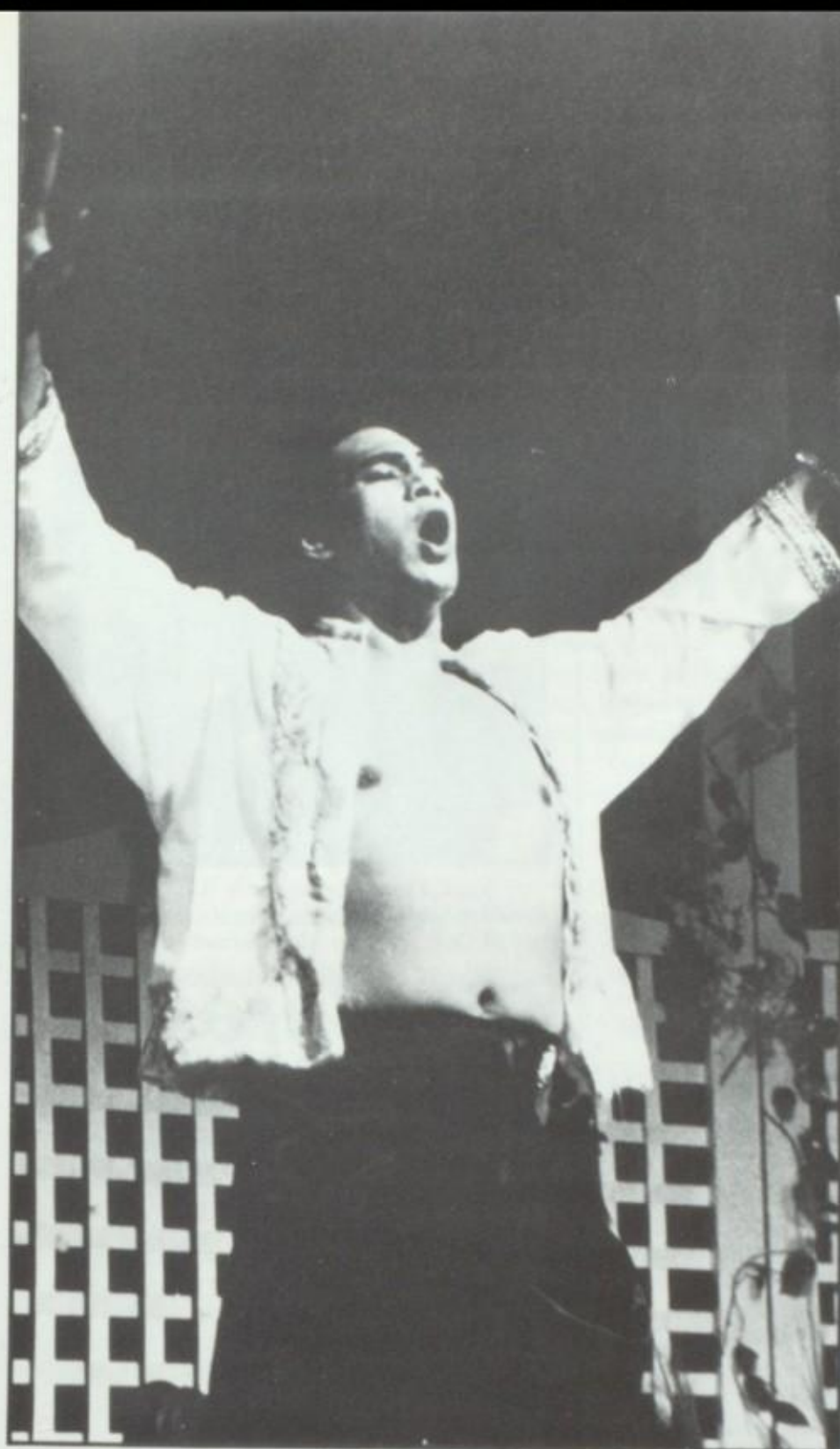
nd Lun Tha share an intimate moment together in hopes they will be free from the King. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

The prince and Louis shakes hands to show their understanding of each other's culture. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Lady Thiang explains to Anna that the King is dying and needs her help. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)







"Et cetera, et cetera, et cetera . . .," a few of the King's mighty words in exhibiting his power over Siam. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

One of the King's many children bows to him and Anna to show her respect. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Tuptim tells the King the story of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in hopes he'll learn from it and free his servants. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



# Flashback

## Noland experiences cruising crackdown

by Brendan Shepherd

"I guess I was going over the speed limit when I saw this policeman, so I hit my brakes and turned into Hi-Boy . . . the cop turned in there, too . . ."

Jared's evening cost \$317.

Some say that Noland Road had a problem on weekend nights. Some started to do something about it. Junior Jared Fortman was one of several examples of what was labeled the "Cruising Crackdown."

"The justice is terrible and the fines are outrageous," senior Gretchen Chandler said. "But it is understandable. I mean, a lot of people do things to be pulled over."

Junior David Burrus said he didn't think the fines were effective.

"If they can afford an '86 Trans Am, they can afford a \$100 slap on the wrist," he said.

Merchants along Noland said they didn't care that people cruised just as long as they stayed on the road and if in the event they did park, they would pick up after themselves.

"The only real problem is when they sit out in the parking lot and drink, and once in awhile they stop and block the drive-through," Chris Smith, assistant manager of Burger King, said.

"The problem we have is with the trash in the parking lot for the customers the next morning," an Osco employee said. "They leave all of these broken bottles. Nobody really cares if they park there as long as they

take the trash with them."

"There is always a few jerks. I can see the merchants getting mad," senior Chad Leabo said.

Junior Drake Lightle said he cruised about once a week, but because of the heavy fines he stopped. "It was kinda' a waste of time," he said. But then added it was "something to do."

David described the typical cruiser as being "over 18, graduated, who is bored on Friday night. Graduated, but not in college with nothing better to do."

Chad agreed that high school kids were not the problem.

"Most of the people out there I don't recognize and I really haven't seen before," he said.

Many students said that the only reason they cruised was because they have nothing better to do. They said there was not much else in Independence going on besides driving down a street to a parking lot, turning around, driving back and doing it again. Or if that became too much, sitting on the hood of a car facing the road accomplished the same thing.

"Like, what else is there to do in Independence?" junior Tanya Stark said. "There really isn't a lot else to do, you know?"

David added: "It's like something when someone told you not to do it, you'll want to do it more. If they just leave you alone, you'll just get bored and there won't be a problem."



Cruising on weekends wasn't the thing to do after fines and tickets were given. (Photo by Brendan Shepherd)



President Reagan attracted large crowds at Santa-Cali-Gon. (Photo by Melanie Foudree)

## City lures President

by Melanie Foudree

Santa-Cali-Gon Days were highlighted this year by a visit and speech from President Ronald Reagan.

The celebration on Labor Day drew thousands for a glimpse of the President, some in support and some in protest.

Banners and posters adorning the crowd were for the most part supportive. Those that stood out were "Rambo is a Republican," "Ron is our Hero," and "Give 'em hell, Ron," a famous saying from President Harry S Truman's term as President.

Reagan also chose to honor the former President by paying homage to him in the late President's hometown and also used the visit to kick off a new tax reform bill.

It was the President's first public appearance since having cancer surgery in late July and Reagan proclaimed he was, 'back and rarin' to go.'

Greeting him were Missouri Governor John Ashcroft and Independence Mayor Barbara Potts who presented the President with a covered wagon symbolizing his drive for tax reform.

People waited for six to eight hours in the 90 degree heat to witness Reagan's 15 minute speech in front of Mr. Truman's statue on the square.

After his speech the President returned to Washington.

Police reported no incidents and said that people were cooperative.



# Patriots show their pride

by Mary Kackley

During the first week of February, Student Council gave each class its own day to show off their school pride.

"Paul LeVota and I talked about having a Spirit Week, but we wanted to have something different. We came up with the idea of pride week," senior Melissa Madewell said.

Pride week consisted of five days of students wearing the school colors of red, white and blue. Each day was devoted to one class. Monday — freshman day, Tuesday — sophomore day, Wednesday — junior day, Thursday — senior day, and Friday — student body day.

"Either students forgot to wear the colors or they didn't want to," sophomore Donna Sultzbaugh said.

"Student Council should have participated more, too. If we showed more school pride, I think others would have, too," Lynette said.

Some students believed the week should

have been put together differently and therefore, students may have shown more pride.

"It seemed like nobody cared to wear red, white and blue," freshman Mike Krawczyk said.

"Some students participated, but not enough," Donna said.

"It might have been more of a success if the whole student body was involved each day. And something new to wear or do each day," Mike said.

One item that was upsetting was when Principal LeRoy Brown took the pride banner down full of student's signatures. He took it down because some students wrote foul language on it.

"The pride banner was part of Pride Week; however, writing vulgar words on the banner doesn't show much pride," Lynette said.

"Maybe next year students will have more school pride; I don't know what else Student Council can do," Mike said. "It's up to the students themselves to get involved."



Senior Jeff Walker exhibits his Patriot pride. (Photo by Greg Carr)

# Royals bring spotlight to K.C.

by Susan Appleberry

The year 1985 was royal blue for the Kansas City Royals. Labeled as underdogs all along, they came back from Toronto and St. Louis to finally capture the World Series title.

The Royals pulled out enough victories to conquer the American League West. After coming back from a three games to one deficit, they went on to defeat the Toronto Bluejays in the play-offs. And if that weren't enough, the Royals again came from behind three games to one and took the World Series from the St. Louis Cardinals.

Senior Aimee Wear said, "I loved it! It was so much fun. It brought Kansas City into the limelight."

"I really didn't think they could do it, myself. I think they deserved it because they never gave up," junior Eric Allen said.

The 1985 World Series was also called the "I-70 Series." It was the first time two Missouri teams were playing in the World Series together.

"I thought that was good. It was just Missouri. It wasn't California and New York getting all the attention for a change. I think they should have just said, 'Missouri wins the World Series!'" said Aimee.

Senior Mike Tracy said, "I think it got more attention here because of it being an I-70 Series."

"I don't think as many people really cared about the World Series, except us here



Royals' Bret Saberhagen was greeted by screaming fans at the parade. Saberhagen was named the World Series' Most Valuable Player. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

in Missouri," Eric said.

After the Royals won the World Series, they were welcomed home with a ticker tape parade downtown and a pep rally at the Liberty Memorial. Many students left school to join the excitement.

"The parade was pretty cool. Everyone was so excited. They should have had better crowd control, though. People would get really close to the players and throw confetti right at them," sophomore Chris Stroud said.

"I don't think skipping was that big of a

deal that day. They should have just let everybody out. There must have been a lot of people gone. I saw a lot of people from Truman down there," said Chris.

Attendance secretary, June Ahrens said, "A lot of them checked out, but most just left. There were probably 400 or more gone. There were a lot of kids that just took off."

Mike added, "I think the parade was better than the actual games because the whole town was there. When else can you do that?"



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"He wrote us and said he was all excited about coming home . . . We were all looking forward to him coming home, too. We were all going to spend Christmas together."

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## Easley's death brings sorrow

by Darcy Case

**"H**e's made his final rendezvous with destiny," as the army said. "Now he'll meet the true Supreme Commander and Chief."

These are the words of sophomore John Easley talking about his brother, Army Staff Sgt. Brian, who was killed, along with 255 others, in a plane crash heading home for the holidays from Newfoundland Dec. 12, 1985. Brian was a 1978 Truman graduate.

"I'm upset with the fact that it did happen. This is something that could've been prevented," said senior Michelle Easley, John's sister.

The DC-8 plane smashed into a hill and exploded after taking off from Gander International Airport. This tragedy added to the record list of aviation fatalities in 1985.

Terrorism was ruled out, even though the passengers were military soldiers. The DC-8, owned by Arrow Air, had problems earlier, according to the Dec. 23 issue of "Time" magazine. The plane, built in 1969, had five previous owners and 50,000 flying hours.

"The plane had problems before it finally crashed. Six months earlier it couldn't even take off," John said. "The Arrow Airlines (out of Miami) had \$24,000 in fines."

Inspections by the Federal Aviation Administration last year fined Arrow for faulty recordkeeping on its maintenance procedures, according to "Time." They also used outdated service manuals and provided maintenance personnel with inadequate instruction.

"It made me so mad. It wasn't the army's fault. It was the airlines fault," John said stuttering a little. "But what can you do?"

"The mechanics didn't give their approval and they flew it anyway," Michelle said. "That's a lot of people to kill."

Brian was one of the Screaming Eagles

of the Army's 101st Airborne stationed in Fort Campbell, Ky. They had been in the Sinia Peninsula for six months and were waiting to come home.

"He wrote us and said he was all excited about coming home," Michelle said. "We were all looking forward to him coming home, too. We were all going to spend Christmas together."

The news came on television that unforgettable morning of Dec. 12 and said a plane carrying soldiers had crashed, but the two students had no idea Brian was one of the 248 passengers on the deadly DC-8.

"It didn't hit us. We didn't know it was our brother. We went to school and everything as usual," Michelle said.

"I couldn't picture this happening. It made me so aggravated because he never did anything to hurt anybody," Michelle said. "He was really neat. I wish they would've had an open casket at the funeral, though, because I wanted to see him once more."

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Michelle and John flew to Fort Campbell with their parents for the memorial ceremony. The entire 101st Airborne, 17,000 soldiers stood in line as they fired 248 cannon shots. One for each man killed.

"They fired one shot a minute, saying their name and rank. It was real nice," Michelle said. "I remember it was so cold outside and the 17,000 men stood there so long in perfect sequence."

John and Michelle didn't have any bad feelings towards the Army. After high

school, John wants to have a military career like his father, who is a retired major, and his brother.

"I want to go to West Point if I possibly can. After that I might become a Ranger and hopefully be stationed at Fort Campbell where Brian was," John said.

He wears a screaming eagle patch on his Truman jacket, just as Brian and the others wore on the shoulders of their jackets.

"I wear the patch because that's what I want to do with my life. I also wear it for Brian."

"We received phone calls from Brian's friends we never knew," Michelle said. "Everyday we'd walk into the living room and there would be more flowers, food, gifts and stacks of cards in the mail."

"We're glad he's home. He could've been in a military cemetery, but we didn't want that," Michelle said. "Brian would be so proud if he knew how many people loved him. Everyone's been great. We really appreciate it."

When talking about Brian, the two students were mostly smiles.

"He took everything so pleasant. He took pride in everything he did, with no downfalls. He took life carefully, but enjoyed it," Michelle said. "He had a really good life. He thought of other people. He'd always bring everyone something home for Christmas."

In John's description, losing his brother was like being ripped apart. One thing in his life would always be missing.

"In a family each person is different, but when this happened it feels like someone took a knife and ripped your guts right out of you," he said shaking his head. "We were looking forward to him coming home and now he's looking forward for us to come home."

John and Michelle wanted to show their gratitude to all who have helped.

"We appreciate all the support and help we've received from the Patriots. There's not much more you can say, but thank you. We wish we could do more. We'll always remember all you've done."



# AIDS terror hits America

by Jeff Stockwell

While AIDS filled magazines and conversation throughout 1985, many teenagers felt they had nothing to fear, laughingly labeling it as a "fag's disease."

Statistics showed, however, that AIDS was no joking matter. As of Sept. 16, 1985, over 13,061 people had died after contracting the disease. Furthermore, a growing number of youths — although they are still a small minority — were being added to this list daily.

"There is no reason why AIDS among teenagers couldn't be spread through the normal means — and it is. If someone is an active drug abuser, or an active homosexual, there is no reason why it couldn't happen just because he is a teenager," Dale Giedinghagen, of the Kansas City Health Department, said.

One Kansas City area youth, who wished to be called Steve, was too sick with the disease to be interviewed. He relayed through a friend at Truman, however, some of his feelings about AIDS.

"I'm 100 times more afraid of the syndrome than any of you are of me . . . No one even knows why I'm in the hospital because the doctors were told by my parents to disclose another ailment. Telling people that I'm here for two different illnesses, I suppose, saves my parents and my lover the embarrassment.

"It doesn't make me feel any better, though . . . Good God! I'm only 20 years old and waiting to die from something I don't even understand."

Steve isn't the only one who didn't understand the full scope of AIDS. This puzzle, in turn, led many people to fear and reaction.

"There are even a few nurses here who are still afraid of me. They don't want to change my I. V. for fear of touching my arm," he said.

Steve's predicament was not common. Many co-workers and family members of AIDS victims refused to have contact with them for fear of contracting the disease. One reason for this was the theory that AIDS

could be spread through saliva, as well as tears. A second was the belief that one could get the disease by casual contact. Both of these, however, were untrue. At this date it had only been proven that AIDS could be contracted through the use of needles, blood transfusions and sexual intercourse — vaginal and oral, as well as anal.

Giedinghagen agrees: "As far as I'm concerned, those reports have not been substantiated. It is a misrepresentation of what has been said. The organism has been found in tears and saliva, but it is extremely unlikely — as far as we know — that it can be spread from either. There's no proof that someone spitting on you would or could cause AIDS . . . I've been around with someone who was suspected of having it — although his tests later showed he didn't — and I felt no qualms about it," he said.

Steve's friend, who shall be called Mike, agreed that casual contact did not spread the disease:

"The more I know about it the less I'm scared of it. I know you don't get it by kissing someone or holding someone's hand . . . It's more or less staying clean and watching what you're doing. It may not be what you did with your lover, but what your lover did with someone else before," Mike said.

For this reason, AIDS became something more than just a disease that afflicted drug addicts and homosexuals. Heterosexuals as well began getting AIDS through intercourse with either bisexual or heterosexual partners. Thus, it could be seen someone could still contract AIDS after it had gone through a chain of many people.

"If someone is a heterosexual and they have sex with someone who had sex with someone who had AIDS, it is certainly possible to get it without being a homosexual or a drug abuser . . . I'm sure that the risk of AIDS has probably affected the sexual behavior of your homosexuals — and even bisexuals and heterosexuals. And I think people, especially homosexuals, are not engaging in as promiscuous a sexual life, but are tending to stick to a more monogamous partners," Giedinghagen said.





# Lottery comes to Missouri

by Susan Appleberry

**J**anuary of 1986 brought the lottery to Missouri. The chance to win has captured Missourians and some border-hoppers.

"I think it's a good idea for money in Missouri. We will have more money in our budget from it," senior Mike Austell commented.

Sophomore Mark Mahaffey agreed,

"It's good for the state and the money that goes for education."

Tickets cost \$1 and are sold to anyone 18 and over. Prizes are winning a free ticket, \$2, \$5, \$86, \$860, \$86,000 or an entry. An entry is mailed to Jefferson City and goes into the big drawing. From there, 30 tickets are drawn and those winners spin a wheel for a chance to win anywhere from \$1,000 to \$1 million.

Not everyone thinks the lottery is a good idea:

"I think it could cause problems. People that can't afford to buy tickets could suffer and put them farther in debt. They think their chances of winning are good, but they aren't that good," junior Jodi Karr said.

A chance of winning \$86,000 is one in 2,400,000.

"Even though I'm not 18, a few places have sold me tickets, but they're getting stricter about it. I've won a \$5 one, six \$2 ones, a bunch of free tickets and one entry," Mark said.

"I've bought about five tickets. I've won a couple of free tickets, that's it. I think most people will think they'll win something, though," Mike said.

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# NASA tragedy shocks many

by Cynthia Savage



Space shuttle accident made headlines all over the world. (Photo courtesy of Molly Clemons)

**G**rief gripped the nation on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1986 when the space shuttle Challenger exploded into a gigantic fireball moments after liftoff killing all seven of its crew members.

On board was the first private citizen chosen for a space trip, Christa McAuliffe, a school teacher from New Hampshire, who was prepared to give lessons from space to children in classrooms across the nation.

Although three astronauts were killed in an explosion on the launch pad in 1967, this was the first in-air disaster in 56 U.S. space missions. The other six crew members were Francis R. Scobee, Michael J. Smith, Judith A. Resnick, Ronald E. McNair, Ellison S. Onizuka and Gregory B. Jarvis.

To those over 30, the tragedy could only be compared to the assassination of President Kennedy. To Truman students, there was no such comparison. Shock, disbelief and grief raced through their minds.

Lloyd Boyer, science teacher at Palmer Junior High, who was one of 200 teachers nationwide to participate in the NASA Edu-

cation Workshops for Math and Science Teachers, was invited to watch the Challenger launch in October.

When he learned of the disaster, the first thing he thought about was the crew's families' watching the disaster. He remembered the feelings of awe, excitement and pride as he watched the shuttle launch.

"In retrospect, to go from that exuberance to disaster is a horrible type of experience," Boyer said.

"It was upsetting. The launch itself wasn't a big deal. The explosion was," junior Dominic Duchene said.

"I was surprised it actually happened. It was like on T.V. — things are fake, you never believe them and this was reality. It was just like a nightmare come true really," senior Dennis Simmons said.

All shuttle activity was suspended until the cause of the explosion could be determined. Boyer explained that because launches are so routine, the public tends to forget how complex they are.

"I think it will be a setback, but I don't think it will end it," Boyer said.



Assemblies were back in style this year. Cheerleaders, Yell Leaders, Starsteppers and the Bob Squad performed at pep assemblies. A Christmas assembly, organized by Student Council, featured a skit, and carols were sung by Sugar N' Spice. Because of these assemblies, many students said school spirit grew. (Photos by Tim Mitchell)

# Assemblies make comeback

by Shannon Calohan

Assemblies returned this year after a hiatus of several years.

"We had to decide whether they were worth the time and effort," Principal LeRoy Brown said.

"The Christmas assembly was our first school assembly in many years. Mr. Brown said we couldn't have it unless it was very well organized," senior Melissa Madewell, Student Council Entertainment Chairperson, said.

Some assemblies did not appeal to everyone. It was also hard to get the whole student body into the gym for an assembly.

"Even Pep assemblies do not appeal to everyone because we have a number of students who are not involved in athletics," Brown said.

Most students, also, weren't used to sitting in a gym and concentrating on a performance. Brown said he thought gyms are thought of mainly as a place for sporting events.

"I thought the Christmas assembly went reasonably well. As a result of that, I'll consider other things," Brown said.

"Mr. Brown seems more pro-assembly now. I was really nervous about the Christmas assembly because it would set a precedent for the future. Now Mr. Brown has a better attitude toward assemblies and you can't do anything in this school without administration approval," Melissa said.





# Survey reveals student favorites

## Concerts:

REO Speedwagon .....	1
Kiss .....	2
ZZ Top .....	3
Night Ranger .....	4
AC/DC .....	5

## Songs:

Super Bowl Shuffle .....	1
Party all the Time .....	2
Spies Like Us .....	3
We Like Ugly Women .....	4
Separate Lives .....	5

## Movies:

Back to the Future .....	1
Rocky IV .....	2
Rambo .....	3
Nightmare on Elm Street II .....	4
St. Elmo's Fire .....	5

## TV Shows:

The Bill Cosby Show .....	1
Family Ties .....	2
Moonlighting .....	3
Miami Vice .....	4
Growing Pains .....	5

## Albums:

Born in the U.S.A. ....	Bruce Springsteen
Afterburner .....	ZZ Top
Theater of Pain .....	Motley Crue
No Jacket Required .....	Phil Collins
White Nights .....	Movie Soundtrack

# Stickers create controversy

by Mary Kackley

**P**arking stickers showed definite controversy between the students and the administration. Is it all talk, no action; or all action, no talk?

"I paid \$2 for a parking sticker just to stick it on my car. It doesn't mean anything," junior Chris Gooding said.

"It's a ridiculous idea; they don't check a thing. I've been driving all year without a sticker and they haven't towed my car," senior Mark James said.

"It doesn't matter if you have a sticker or not; it is a waste," junior Dennis Price said.

In contrast to these thoughts, Vice-Principal Frank Holwick has proved he is doing his job. There just isn't any recognition.

"We've towed four cars so far. The students must realize, however, that just because there's no sticker, doesn't mean we should tow the car," he said.

Holwick also explained that before they have a car towed, they must first think about all the circumstances there are for the car not having a sticker.

"Maybe they bought a sticker for their



Although parking stickers caused controversy, they were required for all cars parked in the lot. (Photo by Greg Carr)

car and for some reason they had to drive their parent's car one day. Or, maybe, the car out there without a sticker doesn't even belong to a student," he said.

"We've had several incidents where a person's car had stalled in Truman's lot

(someone who does not go to Truman) and they left it there for several days. We can't tow it away," he continued.

Holwick explained that all he wants from students is cooperation, to understand all the alternatives and to realize they are doing the best they can.

"We check out all circumstances. Being towed cost big bucks! We consider each unstickered car as an individual case," Holwick said.

Even though the administration hasn't publicized its work, some students said whether they're checking for parking stickers, stickers are still a good idea.

"I really didn't realize all the work they've done, but I think the parking stickers are good, because it makes the lot less crowded," senior Karl Stobick said.

"Seniors and juniors need to have first preferences to park. Some students only attend school for half a day and need to go to work; they can't ride the bus," junior Andy Mathiason said.

"We are thinking about having parking stickers again next year," Holwick said. "They do keep the lot more organized and the money will go to help keep the lot cleaner or a full-time parking lot attendant."



# D.J.'s the hot spot

by Mary Kackley

**R**appin' music plays as students dance their night away at D.J.'s.

"D.J.'s opened Oct. 1, 1985; it has the atmosphere of an adult bar, which I think appeals to the younger crowd," manager Dave Bareum said.

"D.J.'s was an idea of Joanne Stevenson (owner of D.J.'s)," Dave explained. "She and the rest of us (John Stevenson, Steve and Susy Mountjoy, also owners) love kids and teenagers. We knew they had no place to go on weekends and now they do."

"I like D.J.'s; it's fun and not childish like Barkers was," senior Miki Confer said.

"They have non-alcoholic beverages, which I think is good. This way there's less drinking and driving by teens," senior Tom White said.

"They also have a dance floor right as you go in and sometimes there are live bands and contests," sophomore Lorraine Amadio said.

At least once a month D.J.'s has tryouts for its live bands. One contest D.J.'s offers is the playing of the air guitar; they also have drawings for gifts and prizes ranging anywhere from T-shirts to concert tickets. In addition to these, D.J.'s also has special parties such as Hawaiian night.

"I think the teenagers like it. The prices have gone up from \$3 to \$4, but I think it's worth it," Dave said.

"A movie cost \$4 for only two hours entertainment . . . D.J.'s is open from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.; it's worth the extra dollar,"

sophomore Danny Serig said.

Dave explained the extra dollar was added because some teens were stealing or breaking the glass ashtrays and glasses. They raised the price to help pay for the abused items and replaced them with plastic ones. In addition, the money is also going toward the openings of new D.J.'s throughout the metropolitan area.

"D.J.'s has been very successful at keeping teens off the streets and away from drugs and alcohol. Building more D.J.'s closer to where teens live will be more convenient for them," Dave said.

"It sounds like a good idea," sophomore Scott Gregg said. "I hope they build one in Independence."

"I don't really know how successful it would be in Independence, because not that many people from Truman go there anymore," sophomore Jody Haines said.

Some students said that D.J.'s isn't as popular for them as it used to be, because D.J.'s has stopped checking I.D.'s:

"It's supposed to be for 15 years and

older; now more of the younger crowd is going," junior Michelle Hill said.

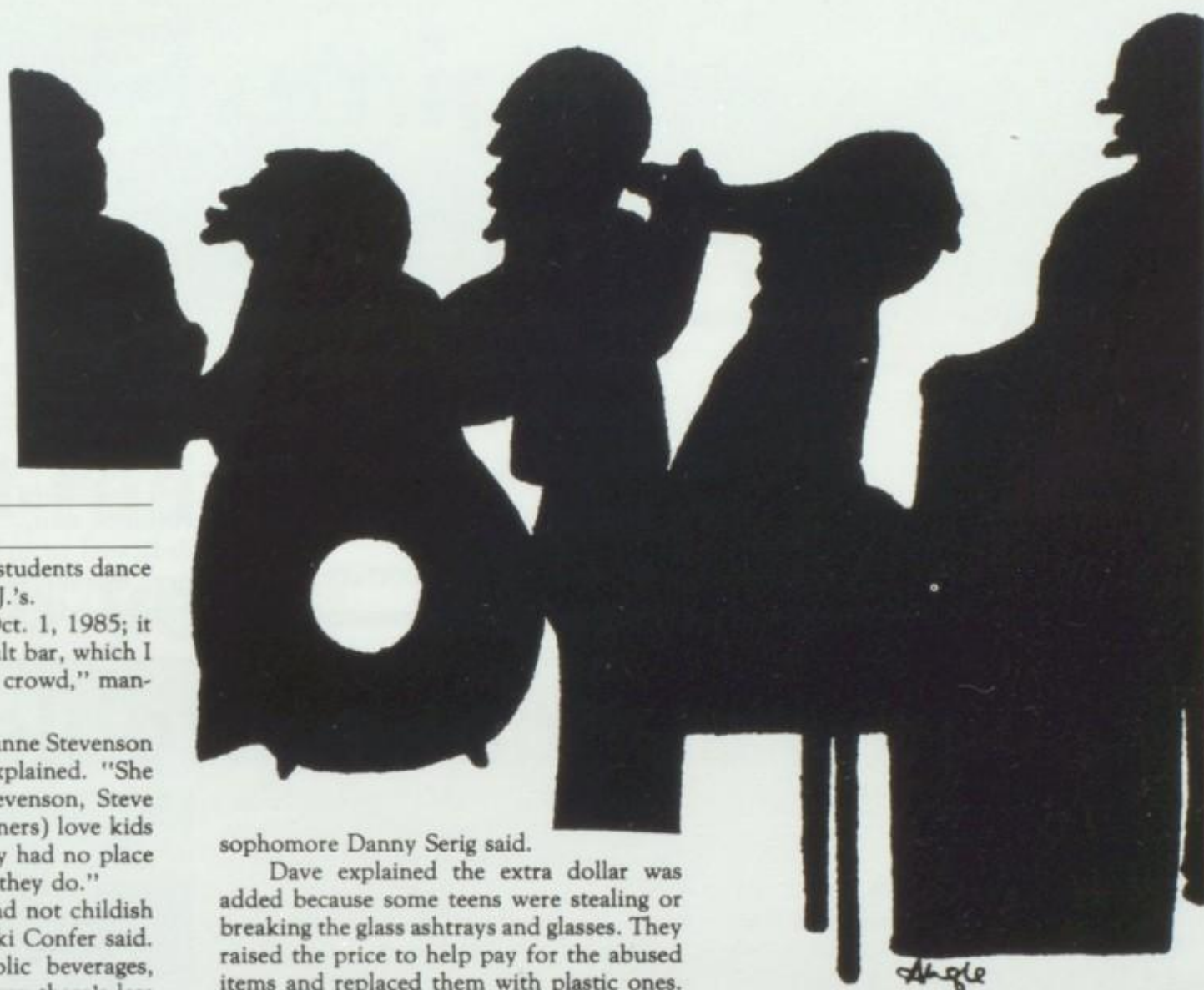
"It's still a fun place to go and meet new people and dance. They're strict about fights and things, so everyone tries to get along," junior Leslie Kuske said.

Most teens described D.J.'s as Leslie did, however, a few had their own comments.

"I think it's a babysitting operation, but it can be fun once in awhile," Tom said.

"I think it's boring and getting old," junior Bryan Weyrauch said.

"I disagree with them," Jody explained. "D.J.'s is like American Bandstand without the T.V.s."





by Cynthia Savage

# Marcos regime tumbles

"I think the Marcos regime was a miserable excuse for a democracy. Hopefully, American foreign policy is emerging that is more pro-democracy rather than anti-communism."

After 20 years of rule, Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos was deposed and replaced by Corazon Aquino.

The anti-communist Third World leader faced mounting domestic opposition. This reached its peak after an election in which he was perceived to have won re-election by fraudulent means.

The Reagan administration called for a peaceful transition to a new government. In a message to Marcos, President Reagan threatened to cut off U.S. military aid if Marcos used force against his opposition. To further persuade Marcos to step down, the United States administration officials invited him, his family and close associates to live in the United States.

Marcos was also driven from office by a military and civil rebellion in support of Aquino.

"I think it's fantastic," Mark Scherer, history teacher, said. "I think the Marcos regime was a miserable excuse for a democracy. Hopefully, American foreign policy is emerging that is more pro-democracy rather than anti-communism."

According to the Kansas City Star, Aquino said, "I pledge a government dedicated to upholding truth and justice, morality and decency in government, freedom and democracy."

## Monitors cut down problems

by Susan Appleberry

Smokeless restrooms and quiet hallways have come about this year with the help of Teresa McGown and Ray Holland. They kept busy monitoring the halls, restrooms and occasionally the parking lot.

"Our job is to make certain that there is no smoking in the restrooms and that people are in the right place at the right time. We make sure people don't wander into the building if they don't belong here. Sometimes we assist the vice-principals," Holland said.

McGown added, "This has been a really good year. There hasn't been any smoking and the halls have been fairly clean."

McGown has been a hall monitor for three years; Holland began in February. As they patrolled, they were bound

to find people without hall passes. They ran across many kinds of excuses in the process.

"'My teacher didn't give me one' is the most popular excuse," according to Holland. "Most people know where they are supposed to be. If they see me and turn and go the other way, they know I've seen them."

"Most kids have passes. The ones that don't are usually there for a reason. I just laugh at the excuses — their teacher didn't give them one or they're just going to their locker. Some of the excuses are really funny," McGown said.

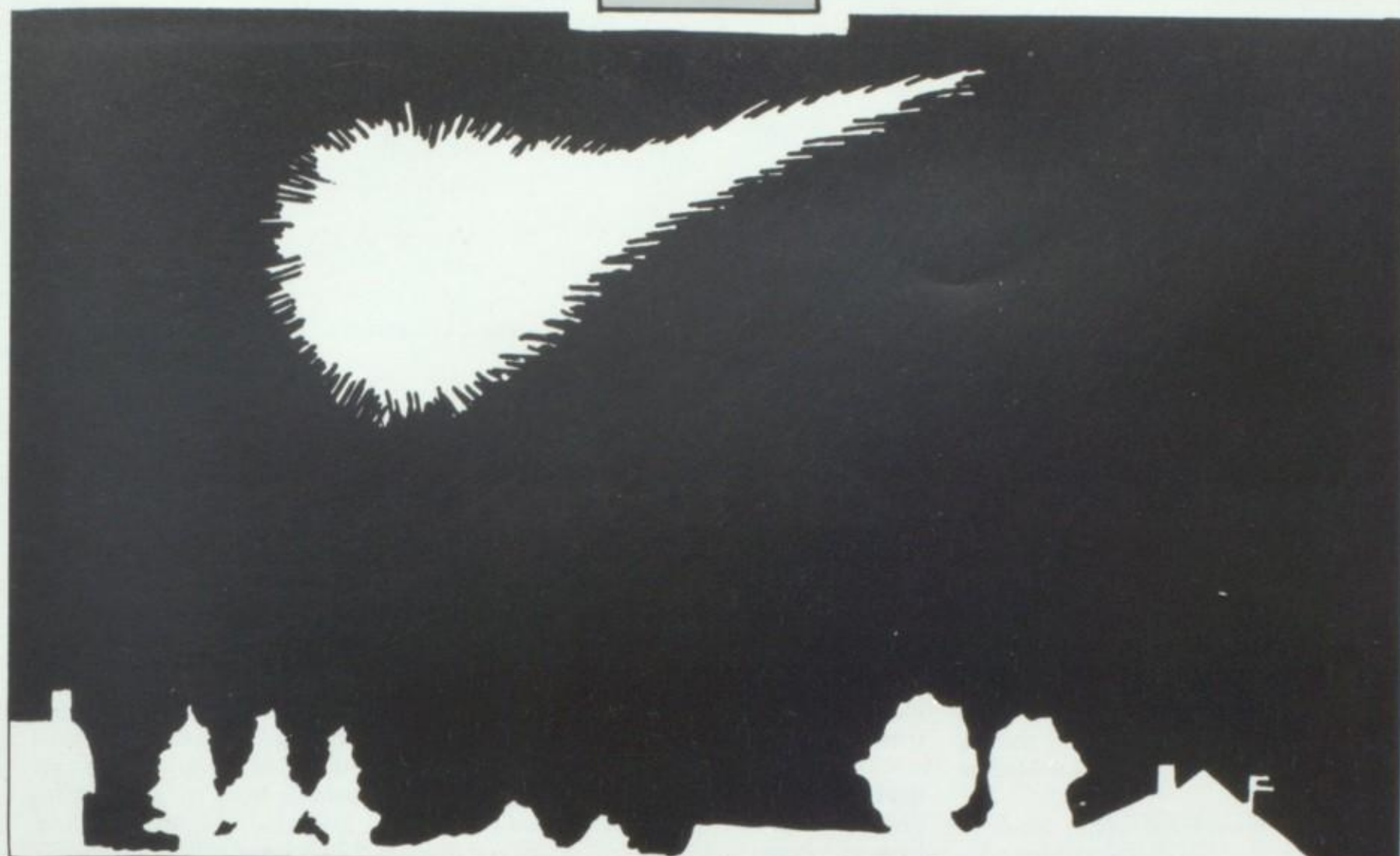
"We're just trying to prevent people from getting into more trouble," Holland said.

"The kids are really good. I don't really have much of a problem," McGown said. "I enjoy this job. I have a lot of fun."



Checking for hall passes is a primary job for hall monitor Ray Holland. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)





Susan

## Comet reappears after 76 years

by Cam Larsen

In 1985-86, Halley's Comet became visible again after 76 years in deep space. Its return generated many questions about the comet. Always known as Halley's (ha'-lez) Comet, it was found this year that the true pronunciation is (HAL-leez) Comet.

A world that now had modern technology and outerspace curiosity began detailed studies of the comet. Astronomers from all nations combined efforts and tabulated information so that they could better understand the chemical makeup of the comet. Scientists now believe that the comet is a "large-dirty iceball." Further investigation of the comet is to be made by four space probes. "Giotto" from Britain will pass directly through the comet's tail in order to collect samples of dust and gases trailing the comet and forming its "tail." Also accompanying "Giotto" in the search for information and the chemical composition of Halley's comet

will be Japan's "Sakigake" and Russia's "Vega I" and "Vega II."

The mystery of Halley's Comet has puzzled man from ancient times. Ancient Babylonian tablets record sightings of the comet as do 11th century tapestries from England. An English astronomer, Edmond Halley, calculated that the comet would return in 1758, and thus it received his name.

Along with the quest for scientific data, came the clever schemes of businessmen. Shirts, books, telescopes and even cruise ship tours to better viewing locations became hot items on the market during Halley's return.

"I get science magazines and there has been a lot of ads for merchandise . . . I'd like to get a shirt but there's many designs and I haven't been able to decide on one," senior Carol Stevenson said.

The comet could be seen in the southeastern skies during November and March and although today's scientific equipment is very good, sightings will still be hindered. According to one

astronomer, due to the Earth's rotation, this will be "the worst viewing for the naked eye in the last 2000 years."

Carol found this year to be a once in a lifetime chance to see the comet.

"I've tried to see it with my telescope but that didn't work out very well . . . Any opportunity I get to see it I'll take. I might go to the UMKC observatory," she said.

Senior Tim Cott has a general interest in astronomy and saw this a rather significant event, but first he had to get the right conditions.

"I have to get my telescope fixed and then find a place where there aren't many lights," Tim said.



# Students want to feel accepted

by Beth Jones

**C**ompetitiveness plays a big role in what students say, do and wear at school.

"If I get a good grade on a test, I want everyone to know even though that's not always right," senior Melissa Madewell said.

"You always feel better inside if you know that you did something a little bit better than someone else," freshman Jennifer Jenkins said.

"You don't want to feel less equal," junior Cindy Quarti said.

When students have that feeling of insecurity about themselves, they find comparing themselves with each other.

"I do when I feel my self-esteem is low," senior Peggy Cordle said.

Trying to outdo each other or impressing one another doesn't have such

an impact as it did at one time.

"I use to feel I had to alot when I was younger," Melissa said. "Now I don't care; because if they're my friends, they know who I am; and if they don't like it, then they're not really my friends."

"Sometimes I put myself lower than other people, but I'm not into out-doing other people because I don't feel I have to," Peggy said.

However, students have different reactions on being judged for what they say or do.

"I try not to generalize on judging people, but everyone does," junior David Burrus said.

"I don't think people should be judged because everyone is different," Cindy said.

For some students making another person look bad is a way to achieve a

certain position in a club or sport. However, some students have their limits on what they'll say or do to one another.

"I have my standards. They might be low, but not that low," David said.

"If I wanted a position and I felt I was more qualified than the other person, I wouldn't have to do anything because my qualities would show through," Peggy said. "It's only people who feel insecure that go to any lengths to get what they want."

Though most students want to be accepted by their own peers, they don't feel they're threatened by the choices they make inside or outside school.

"I think I should do what's right for me," sophomore Tandy Devine said.

"I feel like I should be more of a leader than a follower; at least that's what I try to do," Jennifer concluded.

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### *the competing game*







Board secretary Marcella Crawford retired after serving seven years. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



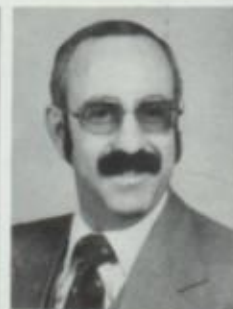
After serving two terms on the Board of Education, Mrs. Miller left in April. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Board members and administrators discuss options on the busing question. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



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## Administration

# Two careers come to a close

by Cam Larsen

**T**his year marked the end of careers for Jeanne Miller and Marcella Crawford, both of whom have been associated with the Independence Board of Education.

Jeanne Miller, Independence Board of Education President has completed 12 years on the Board, the maximum possible term. Miller's first real contact with the Independence School District began during her first year on the PTA Board.

It was her extensive work with the PTA that was the foundation for her work on the Board.

"I guess I was asked to run; I really hadn't had it in mind. After I got on the Board, it became very interesting and challenging. There was always some new projects to help the kids in Independence," Miller said.

Since Miller has been associated with the School Board, many changes have taken place in Independence education:

"We have introduced the IMPACT program. We also needed central libraries in the elementary schools as well as the high schools," Miller said.

Not only was she instrumental in promoting these programs, but has also proposed many others during her term as president of the Board.

"We are paying more attention to the pre-schools, and a new 'parents as teachers' program which is a pilot program in Missouri," Miller said. "We have also added-on new gyms to high schools."

Another program she worked on was construction of facilities for the orthopedically handicapped.

"Mrs. Miller is widely respected in Missouri for her School Board proce-

dures and issues," Dr. Robert Henley, superintendent of schools, said.

She gives credit to other Board members as well as the community for educational accomplishments by saying 'she couldn't have done it alone.'

"Mrs. Miller has always been a strong leader and a good listener and knowledgeable herself. She listens to a lot of community input," Dr. Robert Watkins, deputy superintendent, said.

Although she was nearing the end of her tenure on the Board, Miller pursued her goals for the year and offered insight to future Board members:

"We have short-and long-term goals. We would like to put forth more money for teacher salaries, offer opportunities for foreign language study and lower the teacher-pupil ratio in the lower grades," Miller explained.

"Over the years I've been on the Board, there have been many outstanding members. A Board member needs courage, must vote their convictions . . . and be interested in every segment of the students. I'm proud to have been a part of the School Board . . . and I couldn't leave it in better hands," Miller said.

Marcella Crawford, secretary to Dr. Henley and the School Board, retired after her seventh year of working in that position.

"I started out substitute teaching . . . and came to the Board in the accounting department in 1966," Crawford said.

In 1979, she was asked by Henley to become his secretary.

"The position has been very rewarding . . . I like the people here, their really nice to work for as are the Board members," she said.

"It's the work with people in the

community and the staff that I'll miss the most," she added.

Everyday her work seems to change, there is always something to keep her busy.

"I work on appointment calendars, attend all the Board meetings and prepare the agenda for them. I also work with the area superintendents setting up meetings," she said.

"She does all the work in the administrative area . . . answering questions, taking minutes, research and correspondence," Henley said.

Over the years, through her close work with the Board, she has seen changes take place.

"I've seen many schools opened and closed. When I started, there wasn't a Truman," she said.

"There are a lot more innovative programs, especially in Special Education," she added.

"She's very outgoing, easy to talk to and get along with. She's extremely efficient," Watkins said.

After retiring, she plans to collect antiques and travel with her husband.

"I guess I'll do all the things you're supposed to do when you retire," she laughed.

For many years, both these individuals have provided valuable services to the Independence School system, to students and the community. Their efforts have been greatly appreciated by all, Henley said:

"After Mrs. Miller spent 12 dedicated years, her interest won't wane from education. She'll probably continue to have an interest in education," Henley said.

"We'll miss Mrs. Crawford very much," he concluded.



# Added work produces results

"Generally, we make good use of break time," Brown said.

"Whenever we get a break, we utilize the time by filing reports and getting everything current," Vice-Principal Frank Holwick said.

When these breaks come there are many areas of work to be caught up on:

"Reviewing and scheduling takes most of the time," Vice-Principal Clay Snowden said.

"We spend a lot of the time handling discipline referrals, teacher evaluations and writing reports," Holwick said.

"We spend time working on reports and assisting Mr. Brown on re-scheduling for second semester," Vice-Principal Charles Price said.

"June is spent winding up the preceding year and August, getting ready for school the next year," Brown said.

Sometimes during these holidays the administrators took on a specific area of work:

"Some of the work is individual-

handled alphabetically," Snowden said.

"I'm assigned to work with the Special Education program," Price said.

"A majority of my time is spent in supervision, attendance and also discipline referrals," Holwick said.

"I work with the master schedule and the staff," Brown said.

After all the administrative work is taken care of, time was devoted to extra-curricular activities:

"During the mid-December time until March is demanding because of activities like debate, music concerts and winter sports. We try to cover every activity," Snowden said.

"The critical times are seeing that we get off to a good start, at semester when there are schedule changes, and toward the end when your senior class gets ready for graduation," Brown said.

"Many times we'll put in fourteen hours a day when there are sports activities," Holwick said.

Each day the principals worked hard to complete the paperwork and handle the needs of the students as well as attending activities in order to support Truman's students.

"Next year, I'd like tighter control on students who are skipping," Holwick said.

"I have had the opportunity to open the school, watch it mature and grow. The programs we have are competitive. It speaks well for the staff, the community and for the student body. I just want everyone to take advantage of

what's available," Brown said.

Spending hours away from their home life to attend many school functions put the principals in contact with students a good deal of the day, but, they said, this was an enjoyable part of their jobs.

"I really enjoy being around the students . . . it offers a great deal of reward. I think that it is very gratifying working with youth and helping them in life," Snowden said.

"I think when you're dealing with discipline, you have to like kids. I enjoy working with young people since I've coached football, track and been a counselor. I enjoy working with scholars and maintaining contact to see if they're successful," Holwick said.

When trying to achieve goals and standards for the school goals that the principals spent lots of time on, it was helpful, they said, when parents and the community lent their support:

"A majority of the parents are supportive of school policies and rules," Price said.

"The community has expected certain things from the school and has been very supportive of school programs. I'm proud of this school and I want the students to be, too," Brown said.

To make it through the long hours of work, activities and other special programs, the principals sometimes worked as teams, and as individuals, along with support from the students and community.

"It takes a lot of coordination of activities and the efforts of everyone to get things ready," Brown said.

## Principals

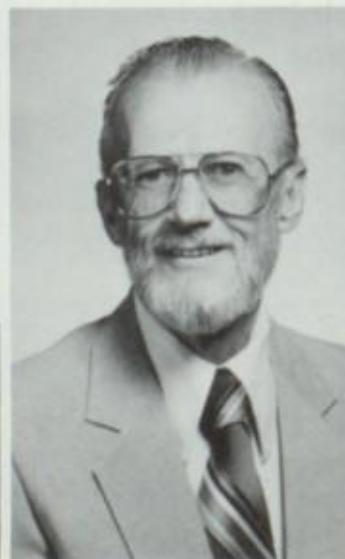
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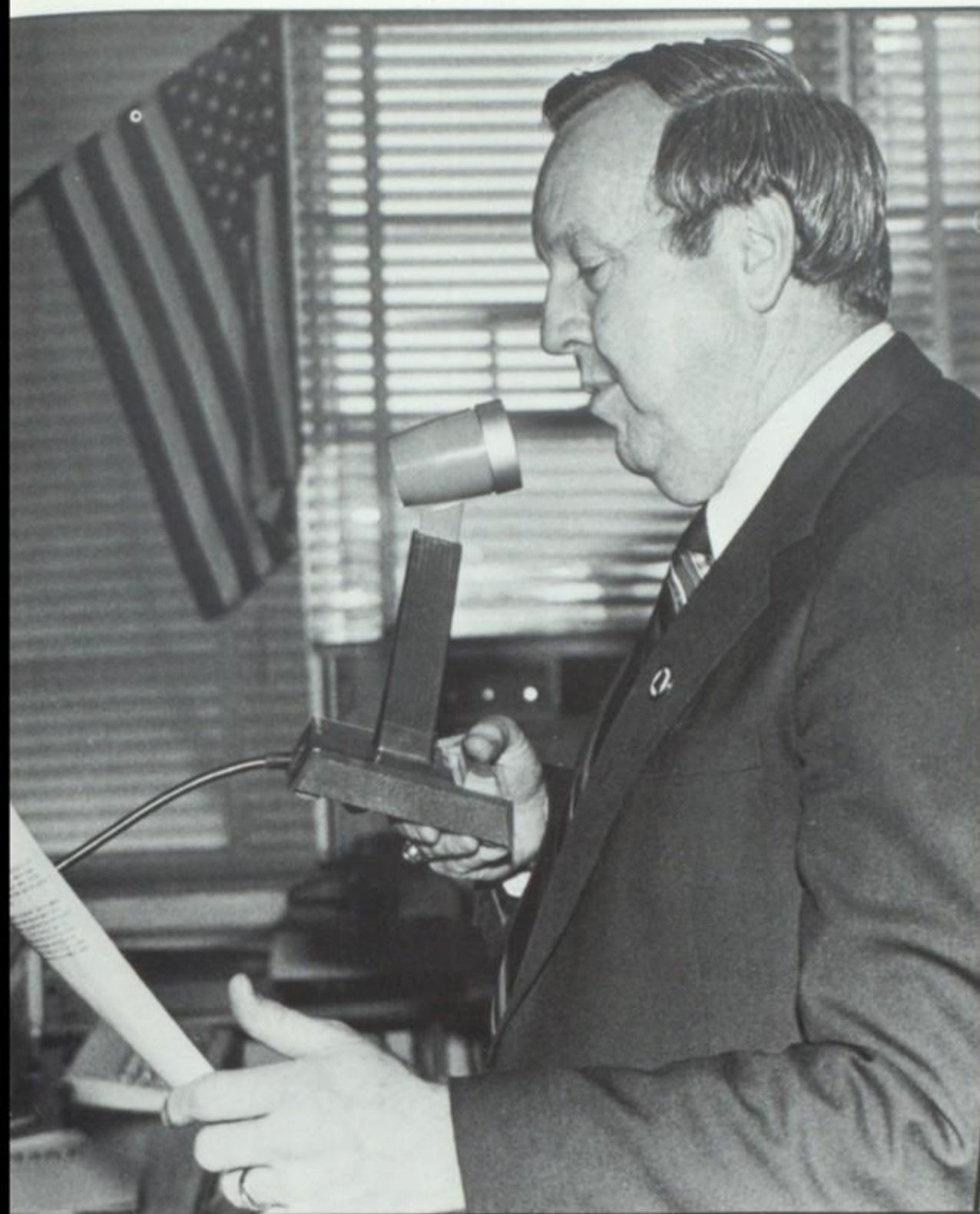
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Vice-Principal

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Vice-Principal







Morning announcements are part of Mr. Brown's daily routine. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Calls verifying reasons for absenteeism help Mr. Holwick keep an accurate record of attendance. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Part of Mr. Snowden's after-school activities include attending athletic events. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Second-semester schedules are distributed through home-rooms. Mr. Price handles those that are left over. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



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# Reward distinguishes Bergner

by Cynthia Savage

In its history, Truman has had many honored teachers and Jane Bergner, English teacher, was shocked when she learned that her name was to be added to the list. She was chosen out of all the teachers in the Independence School District to be named Independence Teacher of the Year.

"There are so many good teachers in Independence," she said. "I hate to pat myself on the back."

Bergner, who has spent all of her 15 years of teaching at Truman, was also one of the ten recipients of an "Excellence in Teaching" award in the greater Kansas City area last May. She believes that this award may have helped her win the local award which then entered her in the Missouri Teacher of the Year contest.

To fulfill the contest requirements, she had to make a notebook which included letters of recommendations from administrators and students as well as her biography and philosophy of education among other things.

In spite of all the help she received from Central Office, she spent many hours completing it.

"It took most of the summer," she said.

Although she didn't win at the state level, she said she hadn't expected to but she enjoyed being nominated.

"The best part was in seeing what students said about me and seeing that



In her College Prep English classes, Jane Bergner points out a scene in "Dr. Zhivago." (Photo by Greg Carr)

someplace I made a difference," she said.

Bergner, who teaches College Prep English as well as a remedial sophomore English course, discussed some of the ways in which she helps students.

"Some have very little self-confidence. I have to prove to them that they can succeed in some things which they didn't think they can," she said.

"I think my sense of humor motivates them," she said. She explained that when she gets excited about an assignment or a book, the students also become excited. "Somehow it comes across, but I don't know how I do it."

Bergner said she tries to deal with the students as individual people.

"Each student must learn that he is important as a person, not just another name on the roll sheet . . . Although I respect the students' privacy, I do let them know that they can confide in me and that I am available for help," she wrote in her notebook.

She summed up her feelings about teaching:

"I want them to learn just for learning's sake because it's fun to learn. It's rewarding to see kids learn things and appreciate things."

Previous Truman teachers recognized were Ron Clemons, Publications and Journalism, 1982; and Sheri Adams, Mathematics, 1984.



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# Kalhorn ends teaching career

by Cynthia Savage

"I'm not retiring; I'm quitting," Rhea Kalhorn, Sociology and History teacher, said after 28 teacher years of teaching.

She said that she considers "retiring" to be a negative word as she will merely be changing activities rather than becoming inactive. Although she quit once before for her children, she said that this time she won't be returning. She is quitting so that she will have more time to do the things she enjoys thoroughly.

In addition to traveling in the winter, she plans to enjoy gardening, keeping house, sports and bridge. She is also looking forward to spending more time with her family:

"I like to watch the growth and development of my own children and grandchildren," she said.

In her many years of teaching, Kalhorn says she has seen many changes take place. But the biggest changes, she explained, have not been in education or in students, but in society as a whole.

One of these changes is in the number of job opportunities for women. When she decided to become a teacher, there weren't as many career options as there are today:

"It (teaching) was one of the few professions open to women with a limited amount of money," she said.

Kalhorn also said that she sees less volunteerism, less respect for property and more students working after school

not out of economic necessity. Based on these changes, she regards this as the "me" generation but she doesn't think students are to blame:

"Students are a reflection of society," she said. "I think our value system has changed."

"I think standards are lower in education today. I don't think students are as disciplined as far as using their mental facilities," she said.

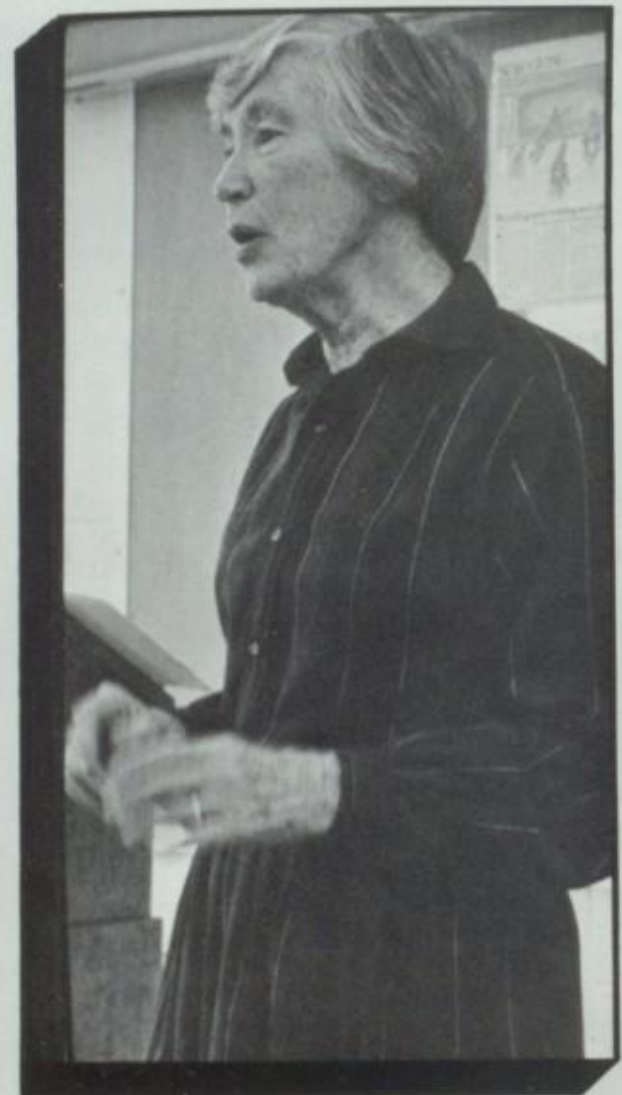
She explained that at one time, students placed their priorities on a good education. Now more students regard cars, jobs and other things as more important than academic achievements. She summarized this basic change in the value of education: "Learning is not a goal. They (students) want the ticket to get into college or a job."

One of her most memorable experiences of her 22 years at Truman was one year when Truman had a winning football team and the players were superb academic students as well:

"I thought it was amazing to find that kind of achievement together," she said.

In spite of the disadvantages such as being extremely time-consuming and emotionally and physically aggravating, Kalhorn said that she finds teaching rewarding:

"I enjoy seeing lights go on. I like to watch logical thought processes develop," she said, but "the ultimate reward" she gets from teaching is when "occasionally a student finds learning



Rhea Kalhorn encourages her students to take part in class discussions. (Photo by Greg Carr)

totally pleasurable and seeks learning for itself rather than as an end.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time it's a pleasurable, enjoyable job," Kalhorn said. "I haven't had many hurdles."





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Even though computers are used to take attendance, secretary Linda Howery must still make phone calls to determine why students are absent. (Photo by Greg Carr)



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Librarian Secretary



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Finance Secretary  
**Madeyn Tordoff**  
Counselors' Secretary

## Secretaries

# Computers increase efficiency

by Cynthia Savage

Last year was the first year computers were used to do the scheduling and print grade cards. This year the challenge has been to use computers for attendance accounting.

In the past, attendance cards were used by the teachers to take roll. Each student had an attendance card for each class. To count a student absent the teacher sent that student's card to the office. Now teachers mark absentees on a computer scan sheet which is filled out each hour and sent to the office.

June Ahrens, attendance secretary, said that the change was gradual and had its problems.

"I've changed over to the computer completely. At first we were doing the attendance cards and the computer. That was a lot of work," she said.

One advantage of the computer is that it makes information readily available. It only takes about 25 minutes to run the scan sheets through the scanner. It is able to give two printouts a day — one fourth hour and another one sixth hour.

In addition to being fast, Ahrens said, "It's a very accurate attendance record."

She explained how the computer is helping keep students in class and school. By analyzing the printouts, the principals can tell if a student has been

skipping a class and for how many days.

By being fast and accurate, the computer also saves on time-consuming work. Ahrens explained that the old system was a lot more work because the phone numbers of parents had to be looked up. The computers save in the time spent calling parents of absentees because the phone numbers are printed next to the name of each student.

The computer is also used to do attendance reports to the Board of Education. It is capable of printing reports for a specified period of time, such as one week or 20 days.

Beverly Kuzniakowski, general secretary, commented on a feature she likes. "It is easier to make corrections on the computer than on typing paper. I do enjoy them (computers)."

According to Alice Miller, principals' secretary, the computers are also useful in making lists. She explained that it is a lot faster for the computer to print out a list of all seniors than to type it.

In spite of all the benefits, many problems were encountered in the change.

As Ahrens put it: "Adjusting to it was the main problem."

Problems encountered included losing things in the computer, leaving little things out and running out of room on the module.

"That's what's aggravating," Miller



During sixth hour, secretary June Ahrens prints out the daily attendance report. (Photo by Greg Carr)

said. "For a while every time I turned around we had a problem."

"I guess they'll make things easier eventually," Kuzniakowski concluded.



# Equipment saves on time, effort

by Susan Appleberry

**N**ew equipment was provided for the cooks and custodians in hopes of making their jobs easier this year.

Two new cash registers were purchased for the cafeteria. This was done to help make the lines to pay for lunches flow smoother.

"The new cash registers were really needed. They've been a help — when they're working," joked cook Janet Mullins.

Basically the cafeteria ran the same as in past years. The staff came early in the morning to begin preparing lunches for four shifts.

"We just try to help one another. We all hope and pray for a new dishwasher," cook Debbie Kelley said.

The addition of a new floor machine, Advance Trac II 80, was a tremendous asset to the custodial department.

"It scrubs, vacuums, damp mops — just about everything except puts the wax on the floors. It cuts the time about in half of what it would normally take to scrub and wax the floors," Lee Austin, building supervisor, said.

The Advance and a new waxer were purchased by the school district. They have helped the custodians with upkeep by saving time and effort.

"For the first time in 22 years, we've waxed the cafeteria and all of the halls during Christmas vacation. It has made a tremendous difference in how we can handle upkeep this year," Austin said.

Delores Ayers puts a new register to use as she takes money from junior Mike Sommers. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)





The new floor machine helped custodians save time and effort. Floyd Chapman shows the Advance in action. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



Day custodians: Lee Austin (head custodian), Gladys Pack, Jim Pack. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



Night custodians: Kenneth Zumwalt, Mike Alexander, Richard York, John Millward, Mike Glidewell, Jim Beck, Arlon Gray, Joe Burke, Ray Ecklund. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

Cooks/Custodians



Front row: Mary Sexton, Barbara Welsh, Martha Edmundson, Delores Ayers, Elsie Lippe, Darlene Cooper, Amalie Schafer, Helen Graves, Nancy Spielbusch. Second row: Marilyn Honeyball (manager), Nada Chenoweth, Vera Rever, Ann Pritchard, Mary Reid, Pauline Mayo, Glenna West, Debbie Kelly, Theresa Ragusa, Janet Mullins, Connie Major. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



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Sylveena Ali  
Pat Allen  
Rhonda Altom

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David Amadio  
Becky Anderson  
Rhonda Anderson  
Stacy Anderson  
Susan Appleberry

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Lesley Ash  
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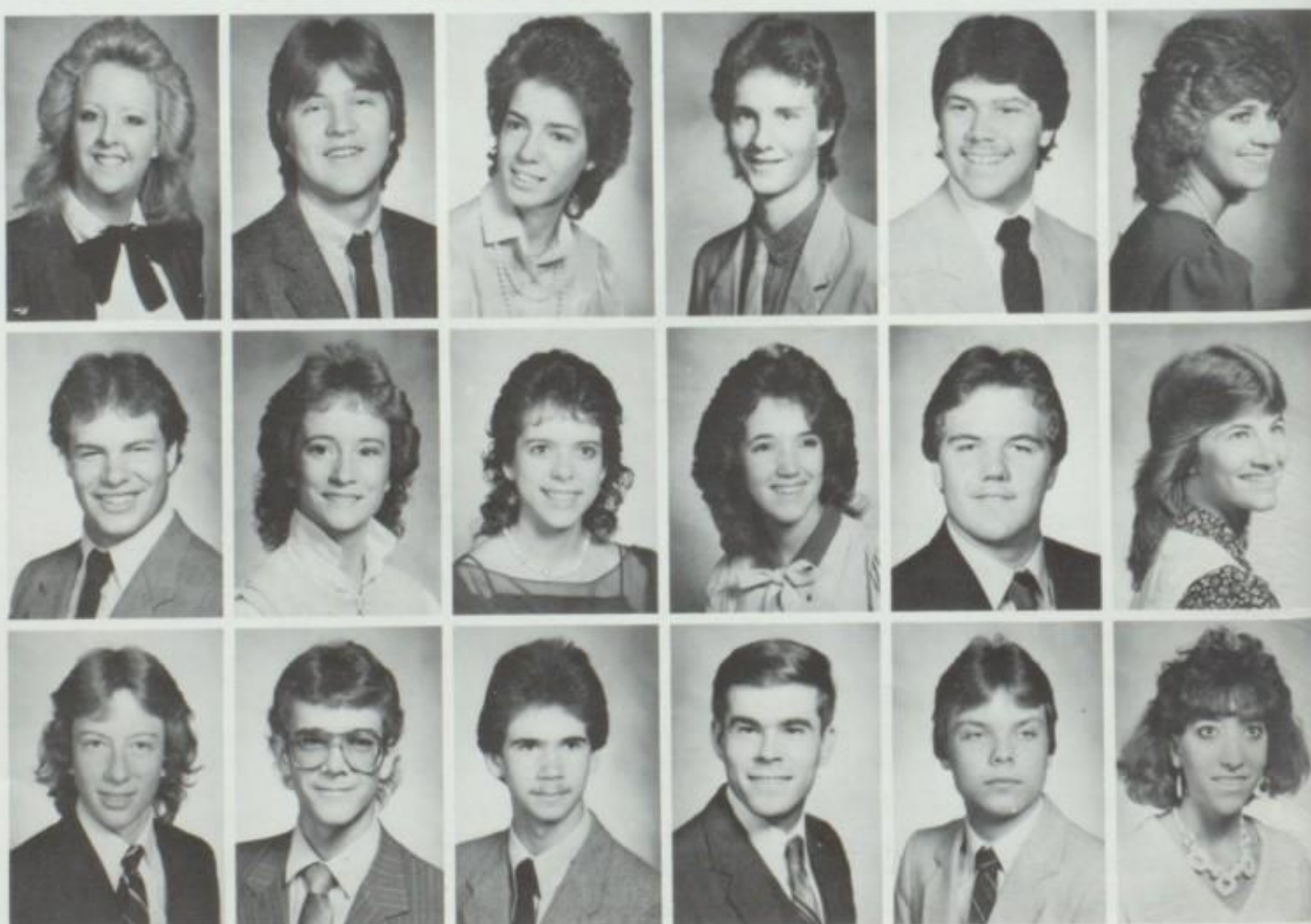
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Kirk Brewer  
Brad Brewster  
Becky Bridges



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Radonna Brower  
Paige Brown  
Sharla Brown  
Peggy Bryant

# Officers strive for good Prom

by Shannon Calohan

**A**s in the past years, the main goal for this year's senior class is a good prom.

This year's officers are Chris Whiting, president; Jeff Passantino, vice-president; Cari Christensen, secretary; and Sam Accurso, treasurer.

"Most of our planning was on prom," Cari said.

"We did a lot of fundraising for a really nice prom and senior banquet," Chris said.

"We didn't have as much money as last year's senior class," Jeff said.

The officers had a lot of activities planned that helped raise the money necessary for a good prom. These included concession stands and candy sales.

"We had a concession stand at Royals stadium and the Powder Puff game to go along with Senior Week, which was a big fundraiser," Chris said.

The Powder Puff game was our major financial thing," Jeff said.

A major factor in having a prom is all the hard work the officers put into it. They spent evenings after school and numerous meetings with other people.

"We had to select the place to have the prom. In fact, we had to go back to Crown Center several times to work out details," Chris said.



Senior officers Sam Accurso, treasurer; Chris Whiting, president; Jeff Passantino, vice-president; and Cari Christensen, secretary; find time to clown around while planning the prom. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Trying to find a dinner that most of the seniors like, ranging from \$20-\$25, was also a hard task. Although beef is a more popular choice, chicken is usually cheaper.

"A dinner usually includes soup, salad, entree, dessert and a drink," Colleen Foudree, parent sponsor, said.

"We had to go over menu selections, give the senior class a vote and

then make the final selection," Chris said.

The final arrangements were also a lot of hard work. They had to pick the music and get everything in order.

"We had to get a band, come up with a theme for prom and we had to get announcements ready," Chris said.

"It was a lot of hard work, but I'm glad I had a chance to work on prom," Cari concluded.



# Cheerleader fulfills her dream

by Beth Jones

**S**pirit, enthusiasm, and a lot of hard work led to senior Becky Schafer being named All-American cheerleader for the second time.

She received this honor while attending at the NCA camp in Tennessee with all four squads.

"It was excellent," Becky said. "It was a neat feeling to fulfill a goal."

Becky and six other girls were chosen by the instructors and supervisor.

"Each instructor watches the girls who have good jumps, stiff motions, acrobats and technique. Then from that they announce us the day before we leave and that night we perform in front of everybody," Becky said.

The performance included five different stages that each girl was evaluated on.

"We had to make an entrance then do jumps, acrobats, a cheer and an exit," she said.

Becky knew from past experience what she had to do to win.

"I set a goal my first year to get it, but my second year I definitely knew I wanted it," she said. "I knew if I got it a second time they would want me on the staff, but I still have to fill out an application."

Becky would like to continue being a cheerleader in college if there are scholarships available.

"Mrs. Barnes is seeing if there are any scholarships. If not, I doubt I'll pursue it through college," she said, "but if I would get this job as a NCA instructor, then I would like to be a college cheerleader just to stay in shape."

Becky has proven that you can set goals and achieve them if you just put your mind to it.

"I'm glad I set my goal to become a cheerleader," she said with a big smile. "One of my next goals would have to be getting a scholarship for college."



Hard work and dedication pay off for senior Becky Schafer, named All-American cheerleader for the second time. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

Lynn Buchanan  
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Greg Carr  
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Cathe Casteel  
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Gretchen Chandler  
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James Chapman  
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Vivian Cline  
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Douglas Day



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Sverker Domar  
Lucia Donahue  
Phillip Donnici  
Chris Driver  
Jeff Dunlap



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David Dutton  
Michelle Easley  
Tammie Eiken  
Marion Elrick  
John Engel



Robert Ensley  
Robert Eslinger  
Susan Exposito  
Louis Fanara  
Myke Felden  
Jennifer Fellers

Bill Fetters  
Jeff Firsick  
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Michael Folsom  
Steve Fortner

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Natalie Fox  
Brian Franciskato  
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Tonya Hainen  
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Carrie Hedrick  
Mike Henderson  
Kenneth Hepting  
Brent Herrick



## Seniors





# Susan experiences new culture

by Beth Bundschu

Some people dream of visiting foreign countries, meeting foreign people and living abroad, but to senior Susan Exposito this dream became a reality when she was chosen by YFU (Youth For Understanding) to live in West Germany during her junior year.

Susan stayed most of her year in Kassel, Germany, with the Lackner family, which consisted of a 15-year-old brother, an older sister who was an exchange student in America at the time, a father who was a school teacher and a mother who was a housewife.

"The family (living experience) is the most important part of the year (abroad), even more than the friends you make because you live with your family. I had the best family in the whole world. I mean they were the perfect family for me. I know I was the happiest exchange student in all of Germany," Susan said, smiling brightly. "I felt so much at home there."

How has living in Germany changed your life?

"I eat everything now, I eat nutritiously. I stopped eating junk food. When I was there, I would think 'Oh, I wish I could have some potato chips' or 'I would like a McDonald's hamburger,' which I could get but after awhile, it

was, 'give me a bratwurst (a long sausage with mustard) anyway,' " Susan said.

In a more serious tone, she said that her feelings toward America and the world have changed because she now knows another country's point of view.

The German students were also different.

"My friends and I would have coffee and waffles and we would knit together after school and my other friends would go to the pubs to sit together to have a beer and just talk. They weren't there to get drunk; they went there to be with their friends," Susan said.

Missing a year of school in America didn't bother Susan.

"You learn so much more than a high school year could ever teach you. You learn about geography and history through your parents," she continued rapidly.

To emphasize this, she told how her German mother left East Germany three days before the Berlin wall was built.

Susan enjoyed her visit to Germany and considers it a worthwhile experience. She is making every effort to return next summer.

"I want to go back and be a part of the family again," she said.



Reflecting back to a scrapbook, senior Susan Exposito recalls memories of her last year's stay in Germany. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



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# Family Relations links students

by Brent Herrick

**F**amily Relations, a course taken by 75 percent of the seniors, offers a chance for students to learn more about their relationships with family and friends, teacher Sue Ridings said.

"It gives you a chance to talk with people your own age," senior Susan Exposito said. "It helps me understand relationships between people."

Some students don't try to work it into their schedule because of their future plans. "I really don't feel it will prepare me for college," senior Lucia Donahue said.

Ridings and Vickie Hood are the two Family Relations teachers. They say it is well worth a senior's time.

"I feel it is very practical for use in daily lives, helps students to think about the future and realize what their morals are," Ridings said.

"I feel it is a good class for communication among classmates," Hood said.

Why is there such a popular influx of students?

"Because of public relations among peers. When older brothers and sisters talk about the good experiences of the class, it is hard for the kids not to want to take the class," Ridings added.

As one of the few classes that deals with the study of sexual relationships, Ridings was asked if any parent had objected to the subject matter.

"I have had a few instances where parents have taken students out of class. The incident that I remember best was very sticky. A parent had heard about some material he felt was not suited for his child. A letter was sent to a senator, who in turn wrote to the superintendent. After being counseled by the superintendent, I wrote a letter to the senator explaining. I invited him to come and review the materials I was showing. He accepted the invitation to come and was pleased. He said he wished he had had the opportunity to take the class when he was in high school."

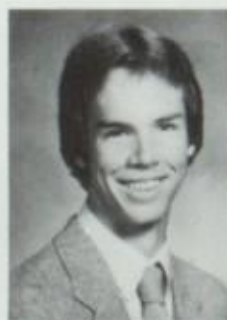
One popular assignment in class is a "marriage contract." Two students work together examining the critical areas of marriage, such as their feelings on lifestyle, finances, children, household responsibilities, careers, religion and guidelines for resolving conflicts. It is designed to make students aware of their own feelings on relationships.

"It provides seniors with a course their last year of high school which will help them in selecting a marriage partner. It also makes them aware of family responsibility and commitment," senior Jennifer Couzens concluded.



A marriage contract in Family Relations shows seniors Steve Fortner and Stacy Anderson the necessity to blend ideas. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

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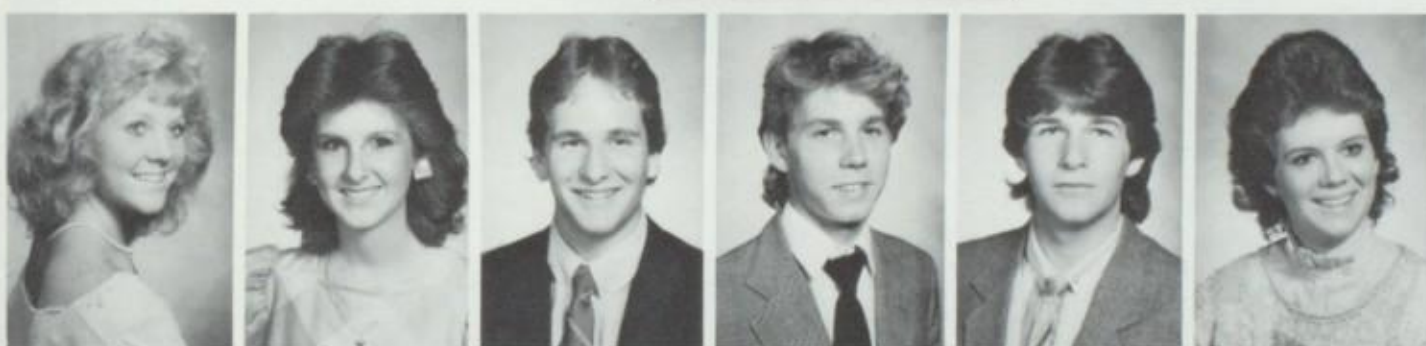


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Jeff Koehly

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Karla Kohl  
Wes Kramer  
C. J. Kroon  
Mike Krueger  
Shelly Kuhn



Steve Kuhn  
Heather Kuhnert  
David Laber  
Liz Lammers  
Joanne Lara  
Cameron Larsen



Chad Leabo  
Paul LeVota  
Steve LeVota  
Melissa Light  
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Amy Linville  
Chris Lovell  
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# ACT, SAT challenge students

by Shannon Calohan

**A**lthough seniors don't want to take the SAT or ACT tests, they know they have to if they want to attend a four-year college.

"I took it so I can get into college," senior Mike Tracy said.

There are five dates for the ACT and seven dates for the SAT. This gives students an opportunity to take the early date for a couple of reasons: a chance to take it over, and the opportunity to get their scores in early for certain colleges.

"I'm taking it over so I can get into college better," senior Stacy Anderson said.

Many students plan to take the test twice:

"I expect a low grade the first time," senior Sherry Koftan said. "After I see what it's like, I can go back and study up on what I missed on it."

"I have a feeling I'm going to do bad. It should be hard," Mike said.

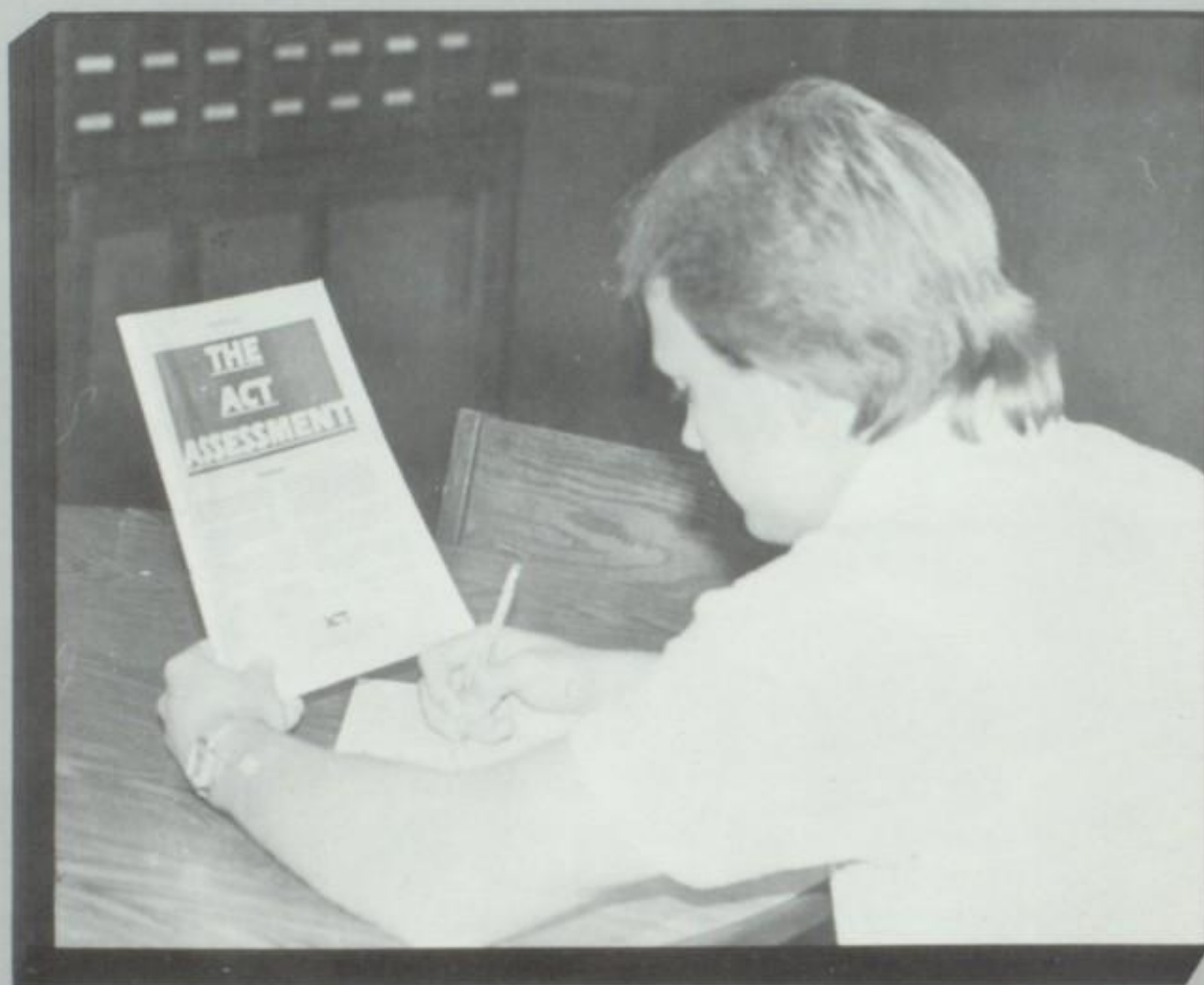
"I think I'll do pretty bad. It seems like it will be hard," Stacey said.

Those students enrolled in College Prep English (CPE) have a slight advantage over the others. The CPE teachers take a couple of days in November or December to go over drills and vocabulary.

"Basically we have four or five books that are available for students to check out," Sharon Thompson, CPE teacher, said. "We have them read the introductory section and take tests."

Deciding which test to take is the hardest part. It depends on which school you decide to go to.

"If you're going somewhere here in



Long registration forms make the ACT even more grueling for senior Mike Tracy. (Photo by Angie Proctor)

Missouri, the ACT will be your best bet," counselor Ray Maher said.

"I'm just taking the ACT because I'm going to a Missouri college," Stacy said.

Students say they can't really study for these tests. They consist of what they have learned throughout school. Many buy Cliff's notes, but there is controversy to whether they really help you study.

Each application comes with a packet to try to help students study for the test. It consists of drills, test-taking strategies, a review of skills, concepts and question types, sample tests and scoring instructions.

"Some of the seniors are traumatized going into the test," Thompson said.

"I'll be relieved when it's all over," Stacy concluded.





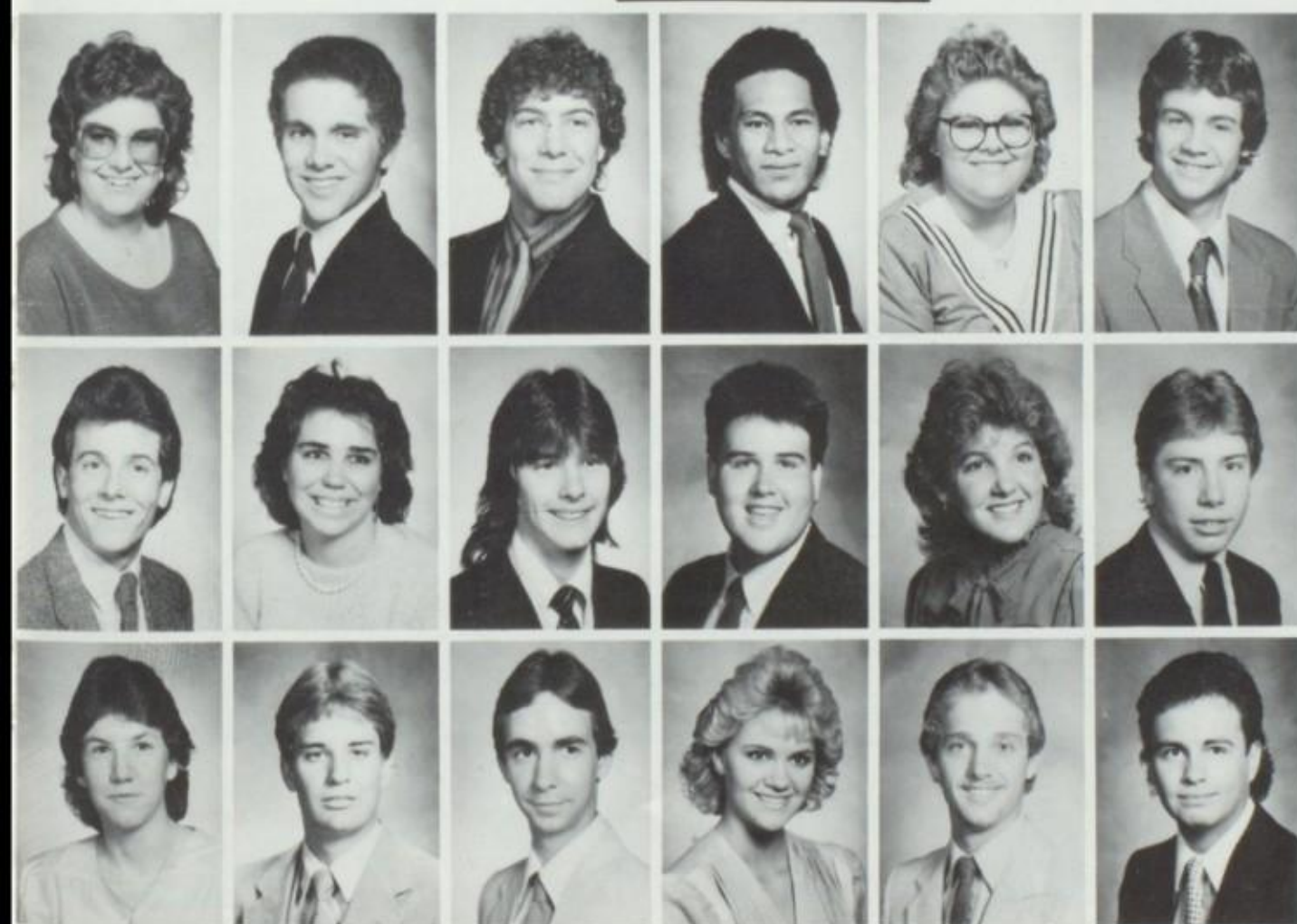
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Laurel Powell  
Amber Pratt  
Janet Pressley  
Angie Proctor  
Nancy Provence



Angela Pyle  
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Jeff Ragland  
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Julie Rhoads  
Jeanne Rife



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Carla Sanders  
Deanna Sanders  
Robert Sanders



Eric Sarratt  
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William Schaal  
Becky Schafer  
Doug Schumacher  
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Troy Schlie  
Clarissa Scott  
Shawn Senter  
Vicki Shaffer  
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Mary Shelley  
Brendan Shepherd  
Kim Sherwood



Dennis Simmons  
Don Simmons  
Ryan Sinclair  
Monty Sinnott

# Candidates vie for scholarship

by Carolyn Gillmor

**B**y scoring high on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, seniors Mary Johnson and Liz Lammers became semi-finalists for the National Merit Scholarship.

"As a semi-finalist, you don't get anything, but your name does get around to colleges," Liz said.

To become a finalist, all semi-finalists must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and score as equally high on that.

"You have to repeat your performance of the PSAT when you take the SAT," Liz said.

"About 90 percent of the semi-finalists become finalists," Mary said.

However, preparing for the SAT isn't easy to do.

"When they tell you you've become a semi-finalist, they send you a booklet on how to study for the test," Liz said. "But there isn't much you can do."

The amount of the scholarship itself is \$2,000, plus any amount that a sponsor college decides to add on if you go there.

"It's really more of an honor than anything else," Mary said.

Both Mary and Liz said they think they have a pretty good chance at becoming finalists.

"The hard part is actually getting the scholarship," Mary said.



Seniors Mary Johnson and Liz Lammers are using SAT testing for hopeful national merit scholarship. (Photo by Angie Proctor)



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 Kerri Smith  
 David Snapp  
 Sean Sommers  
 Chris Standlee  
 Gerry Starr



Stacey Stauffer  
 Carol Stevenson  
 Angela Steward  
 John Stewart  
 Michelle Stewart  
 Mike Steinbach



Jeff Stockwell  
 Karl Stoebeck  
 Kristi Stomboly  
 Stacy Strickland  
 Lori Stuck  
 Matt Sullivan



Brian Tann  
 Mike Tracy  
 Sheryl Trimble  
 Jeanne Trotta  
 Tony Ubaldo  
 Mary VanBibber



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 Jeff Vochatzer  
 Chris Vogel  
 Jeff Walker  
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 Anthony Webber  
 Beth Welborn  
 Gabrielle Welpman  
 Sean Weyrauch



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 Rick White  
 Tom White  
 Michael Whited  
 Chris Whiting  
 Natalie Wilcox







Robin Wilcox  
Shawnta Wiley  
Anna-Margaret Williams  
Pam Williams



Brad Wilson  
Jim Winslow  
Kevin Whitthar  
Dennis Wojciechowicz  
Durenda Wolgamott



Wendy Wood  
Michele Yancey  
Bret Yeager  
Jason Yeager  
Kerry Yuille

# Strong determination brings about success

by Brian Ortiz

**T**hroughout his high school cross country career, senior Robert Chow has had a tremendous record.

He is the fastest freshman, sophomore, second fastest junior and probably the fastest senior Truman cross country has ever had.

"It's exciting. I suppose you really have to be into it to really understand how really exciting it can be," Robert, who has been running for six years, said.

Eight miles may seem like a long distance to run, but during training they run even farther.

"I started running track at Tildon Junior High in Maryland and I liked it so I stayed with it."

Being a cross country member is not just a hobby.

"Over the summer we get together

as a group. It's not really official practices, but everybody shows up," he says. "We usually run about eight miles."

"It can be anywhere from three to 17 miles," Tom Billington, cross country coach, said.

The official season runs from the first of August to the middle of November.

Robert has participated in about 10 events yearly since ninth grade.

"I'm usually in the top 10 when I run varsity," he said. But the event he's most proud of happened his junior year. "I won all-district at conference," he said. "That or sectionals my sophomore year at Swope Park."

Has he ever felt the euphoria shared by many runners?

"Sometimes, but not too often. It's more a pride in what you've done," he said. "Nothing in the world can get you down because you are so full of happiness — nothing."



Senior Robert Chow feels running warm-up laps are easy compared to competition. (Photo by Angie Proctor)



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Mike Allen

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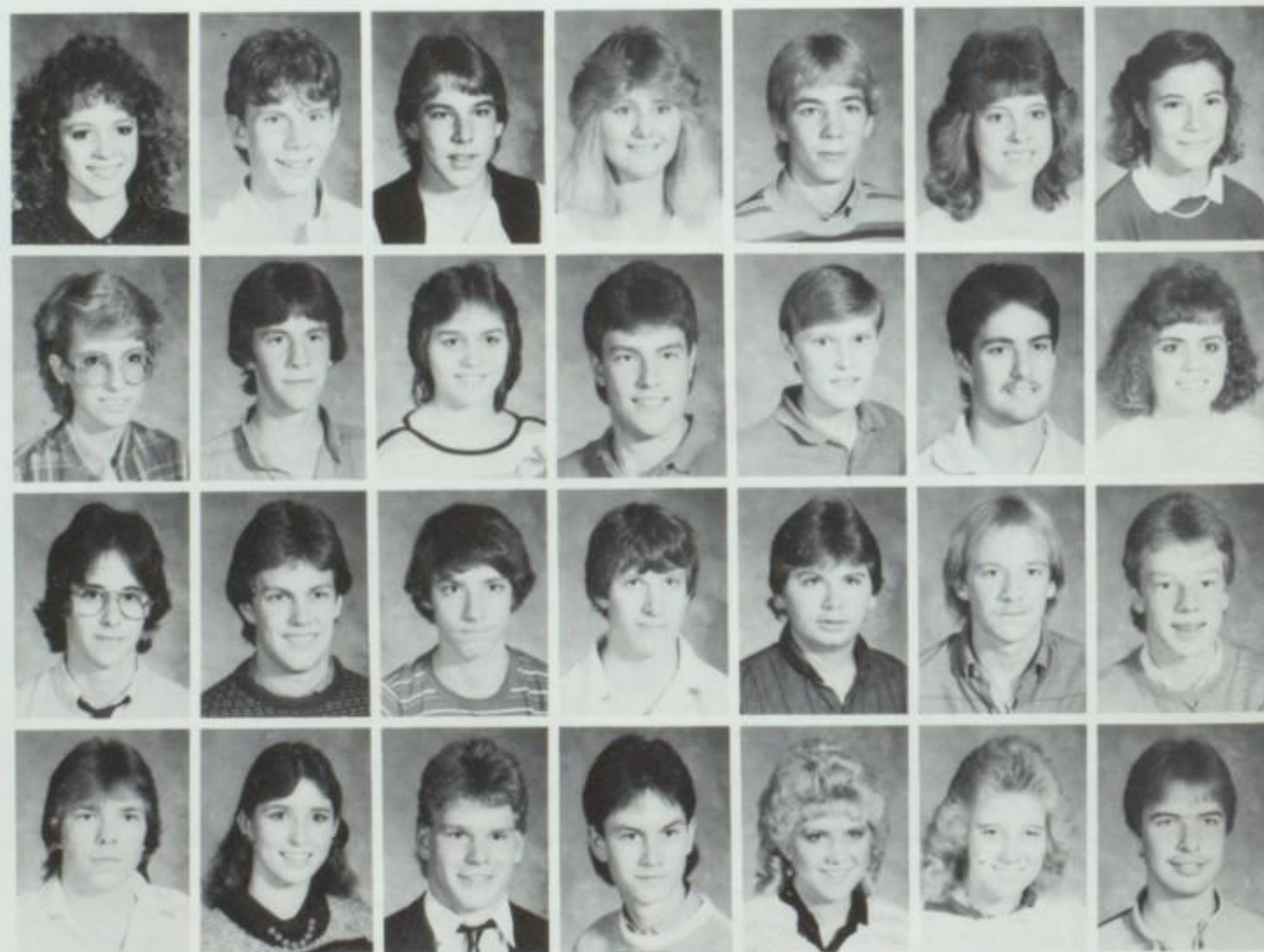
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Jim Chapman

Linda Chow  
Cathy Christofano  
Tiffany Cipolla  
Kelly Clark  
Thad Clark  
James Clarke

# Officers already plan for Prom

by Tonya Hainen

**M**any activities and participation from students, helped junior class officers achieve goals.

This year's class officers were Mark Kragel, president; Rob Howard, vice-president; Stacey Anderson, secretary; and Ronda Schuler, treasurer.

"This year our main goal was to make lots of money, so we'll have plenty for our senior year and prom," Mark said.

Officers said they realized money doesn't grow on trees and it was hard to come by, but they managed to find a way.

"We make a lot of money this summer by working at Chief's games and having a World Series booth. We also were able to sponsor the Valentine's Dance, for school which helped," Stacey said.

The class as a whole also gave the officers a helping hand, by contributing some of their time to money-making projects.

"We really got in there and tried hard to make money and help our class. And in return they helped us out a lot



**Junior class officers:** Rob Howard, vice-president; Mark Kragel, president; Ronda Schuler, treasurer. Not pictured, Stacey Anderson, secretary. (Photo by Greg Carr)

by working in concession stands, selling candy, etc.," Rob said.

Since they realized the high costs of the senior year, officers said they worked extra hard this year.

"When I came into office this year, we had \$500 and now we have \$2,000, so I think by next year we'll easily have the money we need," Mark said.

"Three of us were in Student Council last year, and it really helped give us an insight on fundraisers, and what to

be prepared for in the upcoming year," Ronda added.

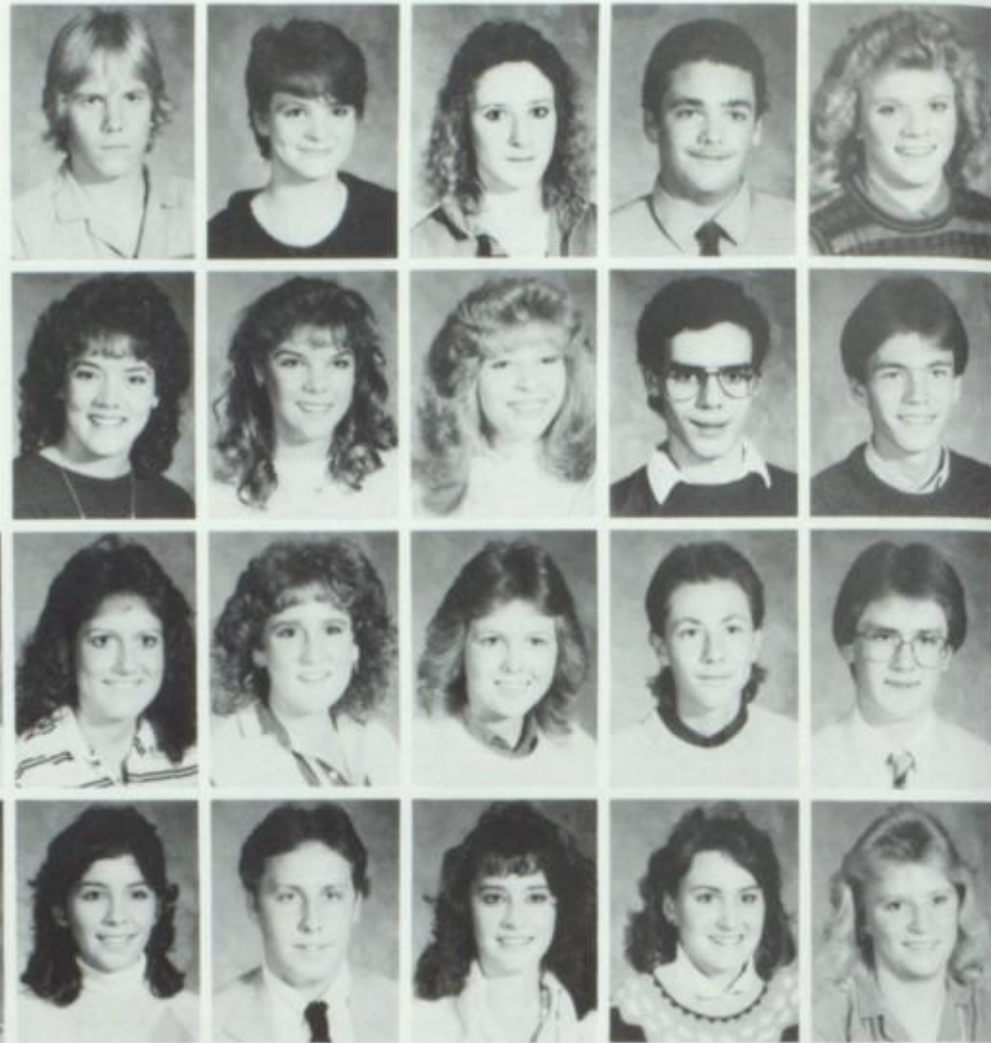
The Juniors didn't seem to have any trouble making money once they figured out what they were going to do for fundraisers.

"We (the officers) usually got together and decided what we were going to do for money making projects. Or sometimes we would go to Mr. Jackson (sponsor) for some help or ideas," Mark said.



Darin Claxton  
Cassandra Coe  
Gayle Coe  
Greg Collins  
Rhonda Conner

Sarah Conyers  
Kelly Coughlin  
Cheryl Crain  
Jarold Culbertson  
Rich Cummings



David DeWalt  
Carla Diaz  
Neil Dickerson  
Mere Dietrich  
Lisa Donahue  
Mary Dorsey

Shawn Dailey  
Sherry Danzo  
Debbie Dauer  
Yvette Dawes  
Tom Demark  
Greg Deterding

## VCRs provide inexpensive fun

by Carolyn Gillmor

**V**ideo Cassette Recorders are becoming a new kind of entertainment, taking the place of the expensive cost of movie theaters.

"It's kind of a survival box," junior Susan Weir said. "When there's nothing to do you can always watch a tape or something."

"It doesn't cost much for me. I can stay home and get a movie for a couple of bucks and there's my evening," senior Jennifer Couzens said. "It's so much more inexpensive."

Although the initial cost of a VCR is about \$300 and up, many say that the machine more than pays for itself.

"In the long run it's better because you save \$2 every time you rent a movie and the \$2 really adds up after a while," Jennifer said.

Often to rent movies from rental places there is a membership fee and then the cost of each movie rented. It can range from no fee at all to \$50 or more.

"After you pay the fee to join, there's a charge of \$3.50 for three nights for each movie you rent," Susan said.

Although renting and watching movies is the main purpose of VCRs,



Movie rentals provide junior Darren Frerking an inexpensive way to enjoy the weekend. (Photo by Greg Carr)

this is not the only function.

"I think it's useful and good entertainment because besides watching movies you can tape things that you would normally miss because you're gone," Michele said. "I can use the timer and tape my soap operas every day."

VCRs can be used as inexpensive entertainment for friends on the weekend.

"I have friends come over and we'll watch movies or stuff we taped," Susan said. "Last year, before I could drive I had friends over a lot to see movies. It gave us something to do because we couldn't get anywhere."

VCRs seem to be an increasingly more popular addition to people's family rooms despite the initial cost.

"As much as you use it, the price is worth it," Anna-Margaret said.





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Ian Dowell  
Kiers Downing  
Lori Drake  
Sherri Driver  
Dominic Duchene  
Cheryl Dutzel  
Mike Eades

Kris Earhart  
Jamie Earl  
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Tricia Eckman  
Wayne Egleston  
Paul Egleston  
Nancy Eischen

Stacey England  
Lisa Evans  
Stacey Falco  
Bruce Fangmann  
Sherrie Fann  
Machelle Farley  
Jonathan Fields

Amy Fisher  
Lisa Fischer  
Shawn Floyd  
Ray Flucke  
Jared Fortman  
Steve Foster  
Stephanie Franklin

Nathan Freeman  
Darren Frerking  
Rebecca Friend  
Dayna Fulton  
Richard Gallup  
Ron Gambell  
Ricky Gardner

Melody Gentry  
Marshall Gilworth  
Jeff Glidewell  
Joe Goddard  
Laura Goddard  
Pete Goebel  
Chris Gooding

Brett Gordon  
Janice Gordon  
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Julie Graybill  
Rich Green  
Cyndi Gregston  
Robyn Griffin

Jan Grotenuis  
Rick Grove  
Matthew Haas  
Wade Hachinsky  
Cynthia Hall  
Bill Ham  
Mike Hamilton

Jerry Harp  
Shelly Harper  
Laura Hartley  
Jamie Harvey  
Kim Hatfield  
Glenda Hawley  
Max Hawley



# Investment big for class rings



Junior Lisa Donahue decides which design she will choose for her class ring. (Photo by Angie Proctor)

by Shannon Calohan

Remembering their high school years was important to some people—and one way to remember them was to have a class ring.

Jostens is the class ring supplier for Truman. However, some people don't order their rings from Jostens. Some students feel they didn't give them enough time to make their selection and to look around at other stores.

"I didn't order a ring from Jostens because I wanted to look around more and see what other types there were. I also wanted to shop around for prices," junior Steve Martin said.

"They didn't give me enough time. I felt like they were rushing me," junior Lori Springer said.

Buying a class ring is a big investment. For a 10-carat gold ring guys can count on paying over \$200, and girls paying just under \$200. There are four metal options: 10 carat gold, Aurora (a gold substitute), sterling silver, and Lustrum (a silver substitute).

"I didn't know that they would be this expensive. My mom and dad bought it as part of my Christmas present, though," junior Jeff Pieratt said.

"My parents bought it because they

wanted me to have one and because I didn't have that kind of money," junior Chris Resch said.

"I knew they were going to be expensive because my sister bought one about three years ago. It's worth it," junior Stacey Anderson said.

Still, some students didn't want a class ring. They felt that they weren't worth it for the money.

"You only wear it for a year and when you go to college, you won't wear it. It really isn't worth it," Lori said.

"When I get older, it won't mean that much. I don't want to spend all that money on a ring I can only wear my senior year. I'd rather have a different kind," junior Beth Braby said.

On the other hand, class rings were important to some people.

"I'm a real sentimental person. I always thought my parents' rings were neat when I was young," Stacey said.

"I just wanted to remember my high school years," Jeff said.

Jostens still had the most orders for class rings. Students feel it is quicker and they don't have to get out and shop around.

"It was a lot easier than looking around at jewelry stores," Chris concluded.

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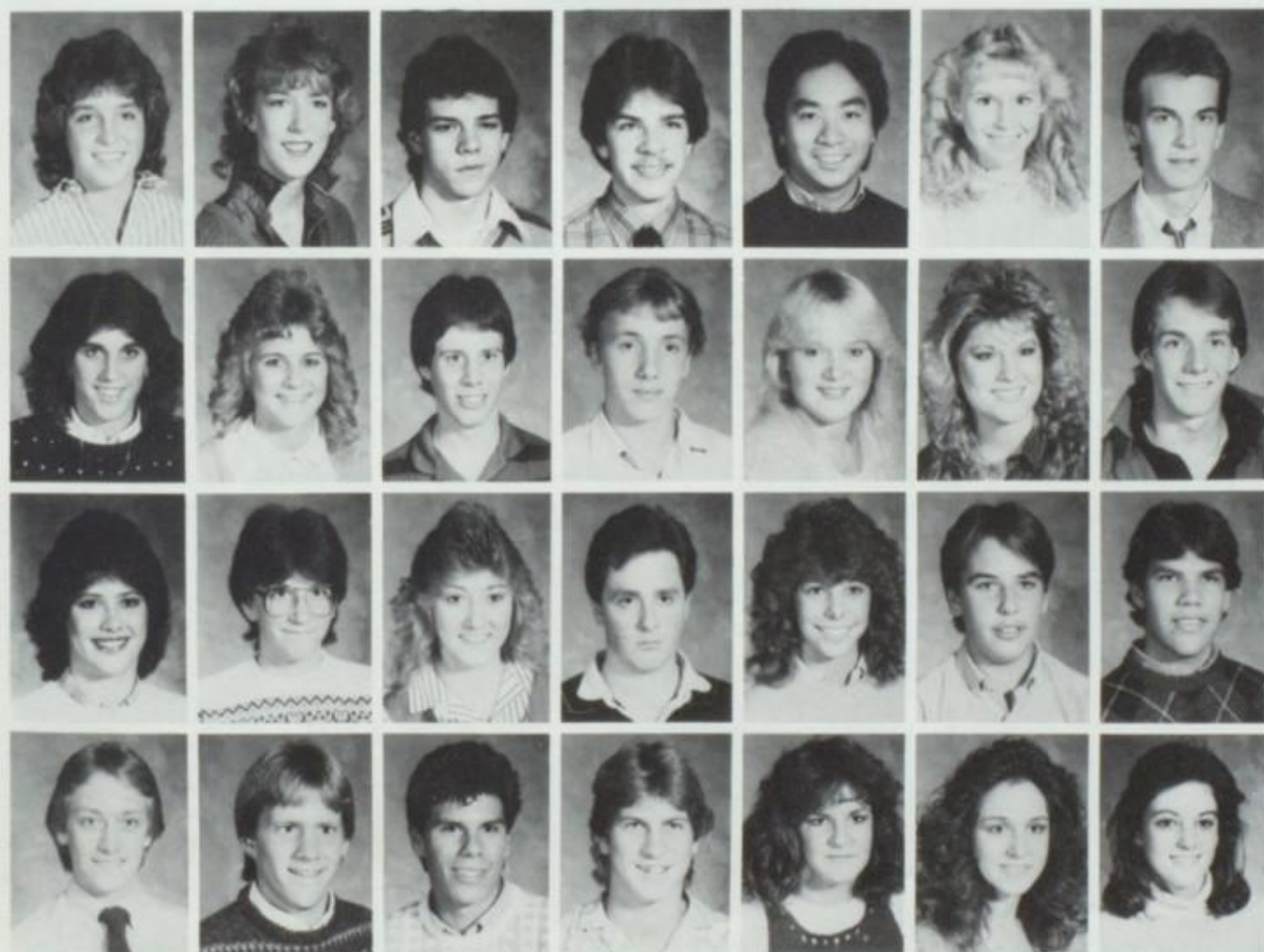
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# Students visit Washington, D.C.

by Beth Bundschu

**T**hree Truman students, senior Brendan Shepherd and juniors Nellie Park and Patrick Liang, were selected to spend a week in Washington, D.C. to attend the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans where they will learn about the federal government in action.

The Classroom engages juniors and seniors throughout the nation in an intensive week of workshops and seminars with the nation's leaders. During the week, the students attend seminars given by Washington's professional corps; such as Congressmen, labor leaders, lobbyists, Supreme Court justices and the media — people who are actively involved every day with the functioning of the federal government and the creation of national and international policy.

High requirements were necessary to attend the Classroom. Students needed a 3.0 grade-point average, fill out an application and be interviewed by a three-member board.

"I wanted to go because I wanted to know more about the government — since I am from another country — that school can't teach you and I thought it would be a good educational experience," Nellie said.



Senior Brendan Shepherd and juniors Patrick Liang and Nellie Park talk about their future individual plans for the Presidential Classroom. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

ience," Nellie said.

The cost to attend the classroom was \$500, \$50 of which was paid by the school district. Students found sponsors to finance them, and there was also a scholarship program for outstanding students of limited financial resources. Each student attended at a different time, picking from eight different one-week sessions that started Jan. 25 and continued through June 21.

Not only do students learn about

the government and Washington, they also learn about people with different backgrounds and become more aware of their country.

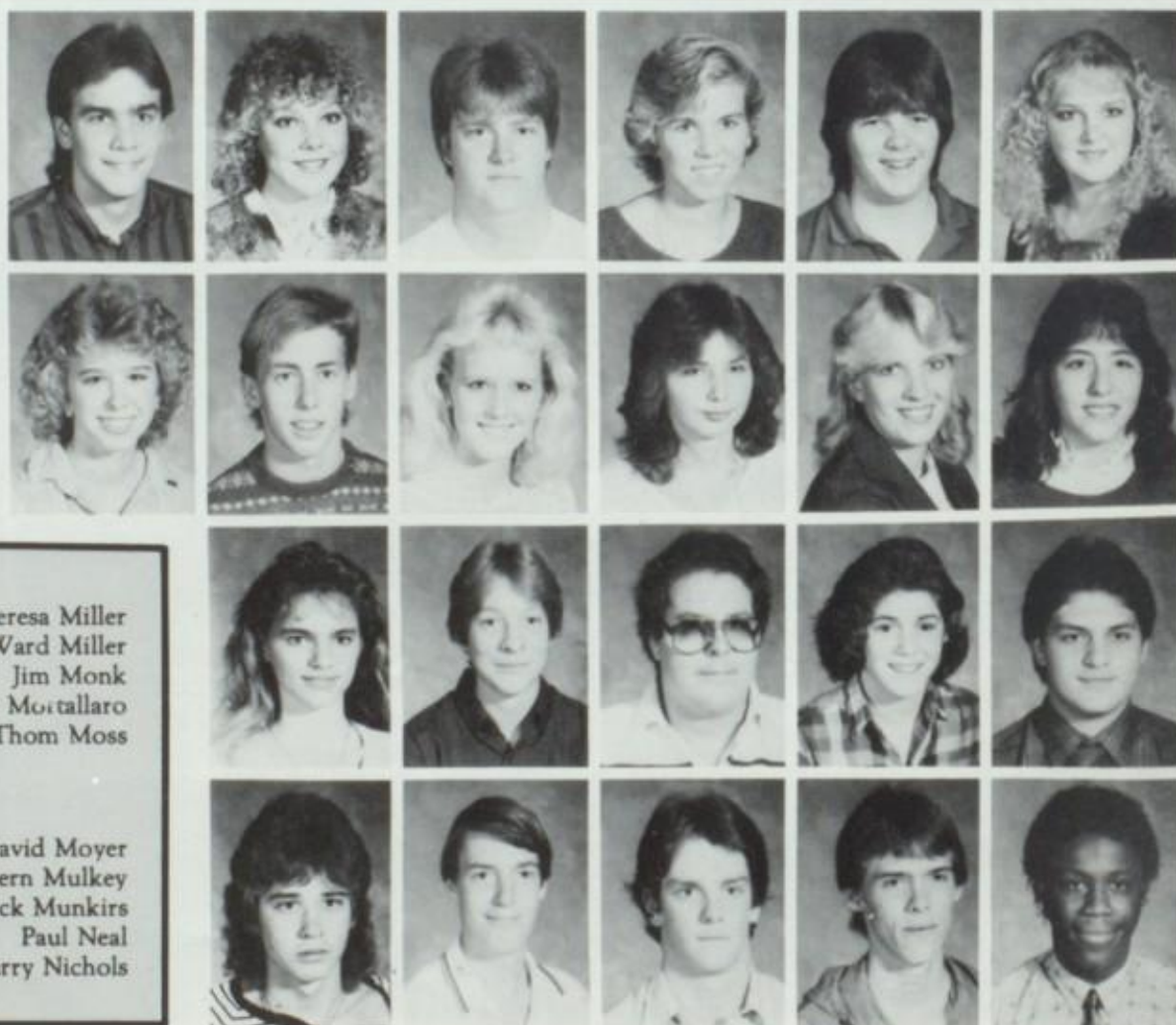
"You meet people from all over the world like the Virgin Islands, Europe, and kids from all over America," senior Brian Franciskato, who attended the program last year, said. "I took freedom for granted. It has made me feel special to live in this country, to see how laws are made and how much freedom you really have."

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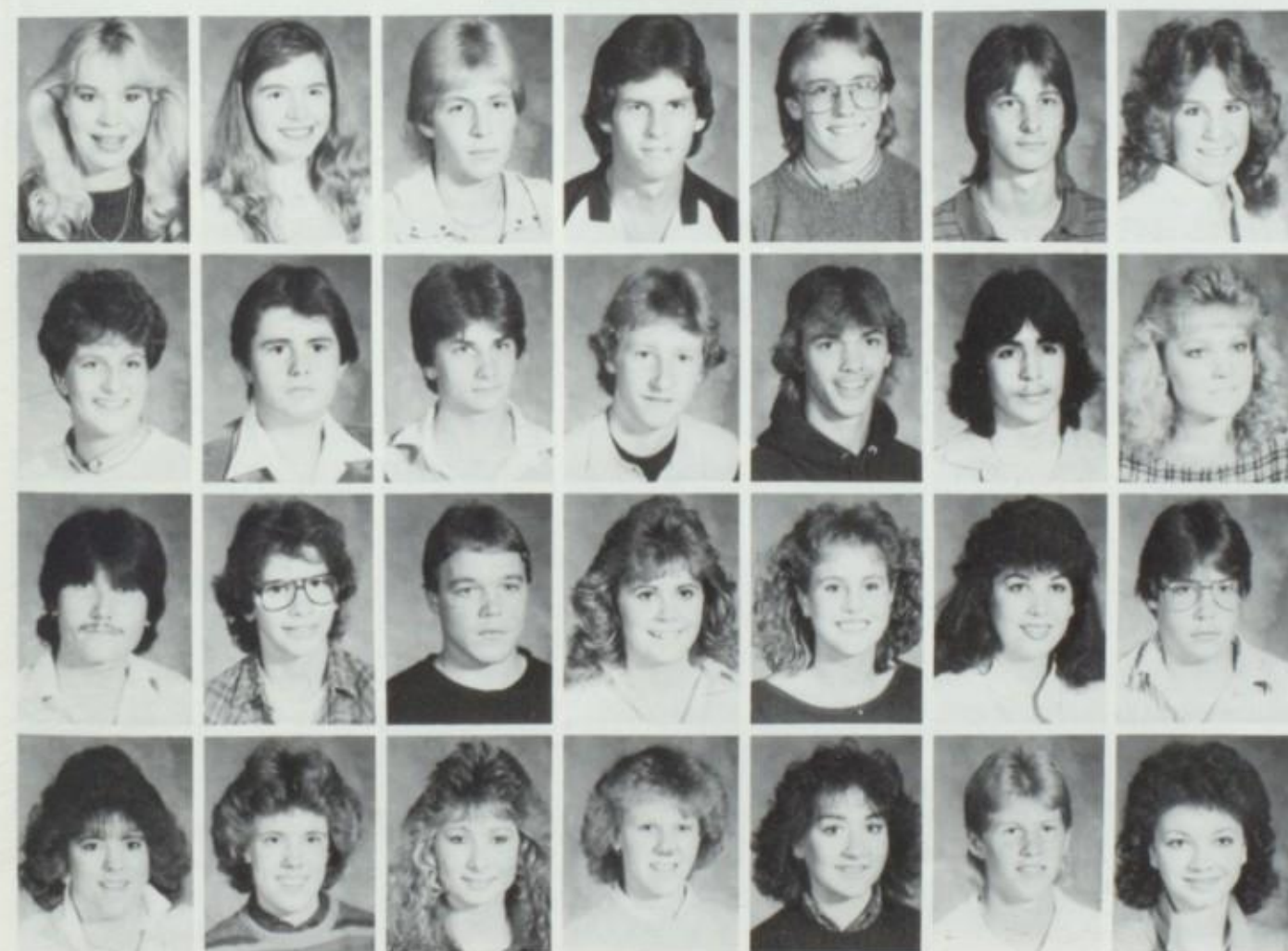
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Jim Paulson  
Lisa Penrod  
Kindle Perkins

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Mike Perusich  
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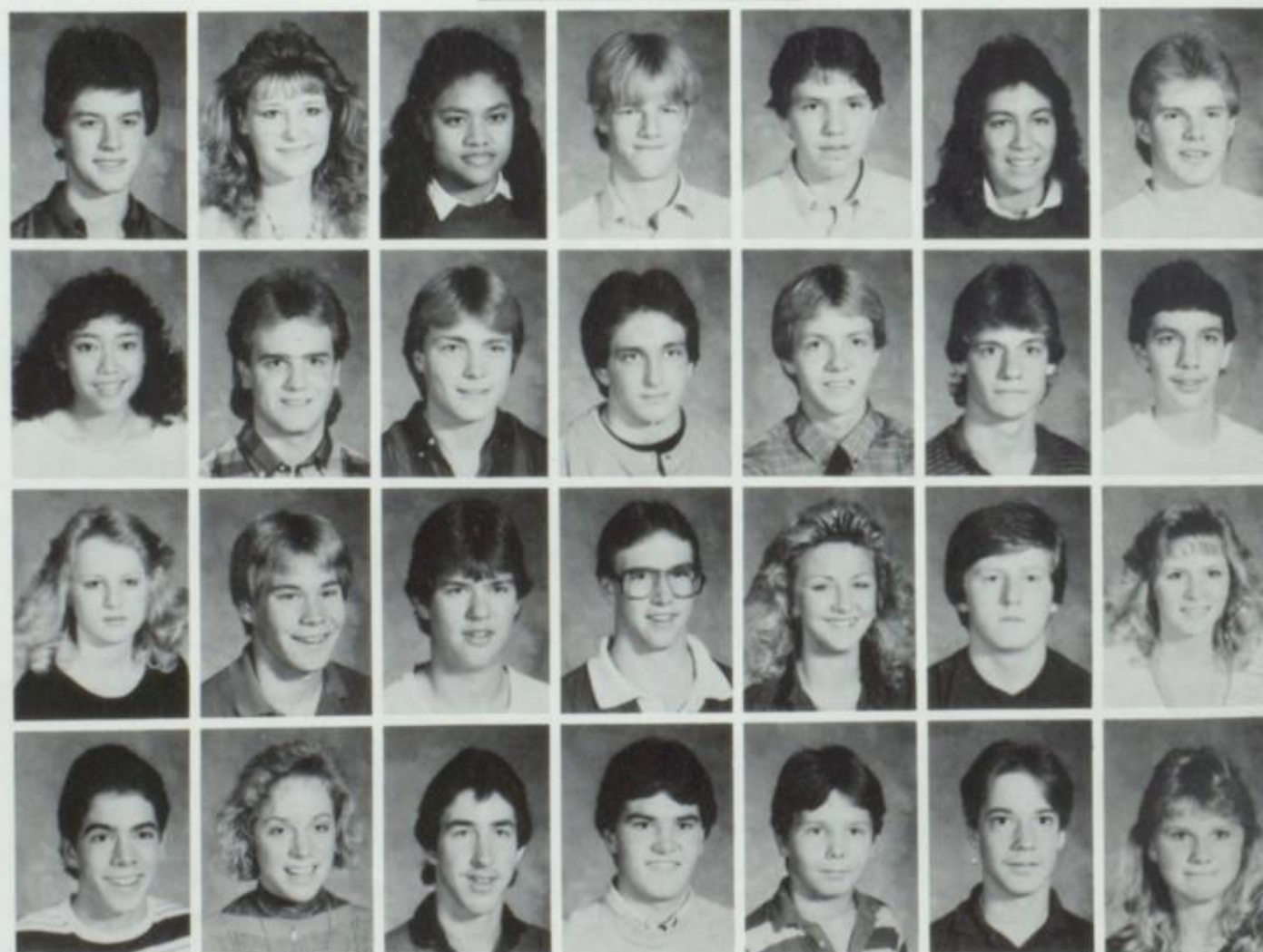
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Lynda Tonga  
Jim Tormena  
Tim Townley  
Vanessa Tucker  
Joe Turnbow

Maria Ubaldo  
Greg Vaughn  
Rob Veach  
David Vest  
Eric Vickery  
Jerry Vogel  
Kyle Waggener

Stephanie Wagner  
Marc Walker  
Jim Walls  
Jerry Warren  
Kristie Watts  
Tony Weber  
Cindi Weddington

Bill Weir  
Susan Weir  
Mike Welsh  
Bryan Weyrauch  
Brian Wharton  
Jeff White  
Katie White





# Juniors test trivia cleverness

## SPORTS

1. The cereal known as "the Breakfast of Champions" was part of the title of this 1958 sports series with host Bud Palmer.

- a. Metal Man — Angie Ahrens
- b. Muscle Man — Jane Aslakson
- c. Wheaties and You — Kindle Perkins

Answer: The Wheaties Sports Page

2. What nickname became associated with the Washington Redskins offensive line during the 1982-83 NFL season.

- a. Twerps — Ian Dowell
- b. Skinners — Katherine Plake
- c. Burned — Mindy Matthews

Answer: The Hogs

3. He hit .390 to win the American batting crown in 1980.

- a. Pete Rose — Jared Fortman
- b. Rocky Balboa — Kevin Wyrick
- c. Rod Carew — Derrick Mikaig

Answer: George Brett

## ENTERTAINMENT:

1. Name the theme song from M\*A\*S\*H?

- a. Suicide Is Painless — Angela Steele
- b. M\*A\*S\*H's Theme Song — Brian Bingham
- c. Sabbath Bloody Sabbath — Kirk Owings

Answer: Suicide Is Painless

2. In what City did Joanie Loves Chachi take place?

- a. Milwaukee — Todd Loyd
- b. New York — Shelley Temple
- c. San Francisco — Christi Buro

Answer: Chicago

3. Who was Johnny Jupiter's pal?

- a. Pluto — Wendy Pickel
- b. His dog Spot — Chris Brasfield
- c. Elroy's Buddy — Jennifer Jones

Answer: B-12

## NEWS:

1. Who moderated the final Carter-Ford campaign debate in 1976?

- a. Nixon — Max Hawley
- b. Walter Cronkite — Mike Ragan
- c. Mondale — Carol Williams

Answer: Barbara Walters

2. The 52 American hostages in Iran were released Jan. 20, 1981. How many days had they been held in Iran?

- a. 372 — Brad Byers
- b. 23 — Beth Braby
- c. 112 — David Jarman

Answer: 444

3. What was Princess Diana's last name before marrying Britain's Prince Charles?

- a. Jones — Katie White
- b. Princess — John Solito
- c. Spencer — Susan Hulett

Answer: Spencer



Gary Wilcox  
Renita Wilcox  
Tom Wildschuetz  
David Willard  
Carl Williams  
Tim Williams  
Tony Williams



Terri Wilp  
Tony Wilson  
John Winkler  
Gerald Winter  
Troy Wisdom  
James Wood



Chris Wooten  
Kevin Wyrick  
Kenny Yates  
Jeff Yocum  
Brian Zelk  
Tim Zimmerman



Tom Abbott  
Joseph Ah Mu  
Wayne Alderson  
Dawn Allen  
Jennifer Allen  
Vonceil Allen  
Dee Allgaier

Kim Allison  
Robert Alumbaugh  
Kelly Anderson  
Laura Anderson  
Lorraine Amadio  
Christine Apple  
Rob Appleberry

Carie Averill  
Leif Bahl  
Chris Bailey  
Tom Bajt  
Michele Baker  
Ryan Baker  
Dawn Banks

Christy Barmore  
Vikkie Barnes  
Brian Barnum  
Jill Barry  
Melissa Barton  
Karen Bay  
Tracy Beaver

Jerry Beck  
Dana Beebe  
Eric Bermudez  
Tanya Birdsong  
Michelle Bingaman  
Jim Bishop  
Pam Bishop

Kevin Black  
Stacy Blandin  
Robin Blankenship  
Lori Bogue  
Greg Blaue  
Lisa Bohanon  
Mike Boles

Alissa Bonadonna  
Darin Bonthius  
Debbie Boyd  
Debbie Boyd  
Danny Bradford  
Kurt Branstetter  
Candy Brayton

Andrea Brehm  
Jim Brewer  
Linda Brewer  
Scott Bridges  
Victoria Briseno  
Jason Brown  
Randy Brown

Robby Brown  
Gina Burasco  
Jim Burgess  
Jason Burke  
John Burke  
Tammie Burton  
Kelly Butler



## Sophomores







John Byrd  
Ronnie Byrd  
Jim Cady  
Chad Caldwell  
Mark Campbell  
Jason Campbell

Marci Campbell  
Kevin Carl  
Damon Carrasco  
Lee Caruthers  
Mitzi Case  
Luis E. Castro

Lori Caswell  
Marcia Chadwick  
Chad Chafa  
Donnie Chambers  
Corrina Christensen  
Toni Chapman

# Officers have year well-planned

by Beth Jones

A unified effort has helped the sophomore class officers accomplish many of their goals.

"I really appreciate my class. They are so good in helping out," president Chad John said.

"Our class is really dependable and enthusiastic," secretary Kim Nelson said. "When we sold candy, everyone wanted to help and it wasn't just our class who helps out. It is also the parents who help us. They have been really supportive."

Along with working together as a single class, the four officers said they believed that being good friends made it a lot easier to work together.

"All of us get along so well because we have been friends for so long. Which helps to get a lot more done," Kim said. "I think we are going to have a great senior class."

The main goal for the sophomore class is to raise money for their prom and other activities they might like to do.

"We want to have enough money so we can afford any activities that our class might want to do when we are seniors," Chad said.

With all the officers involved with different activities, they all feel it's necessary to have a lot of spirit within the sophomore class.



Sophomore class officers: Front row, Jason Seubert, vice-president; David Mitchell, treasurer. Back row, Chad John, president; and Kim Nelson, secretary. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

"Our class has a lot of spirit and I think that's important because it makes for a fun year," treasurer David Mitchell said.

"We showed a lot of our spirit in United Way Week," Kim said.

"I think having lots of spirit helps out so that we can have better dances

and other activities," vice-president Jason Seubert said.

This year's officers knew exactly what they needed to have a successful class.

"We'll work hard now, so we can have a good senior year," Chad said.



Denise Cline  
Julie Clothier  
Donna Cloud  
Danny Collins  
Deanna Collins  
Alex Conde  
Katie Connors

Suzanne Conyers  
Craig Cook  
Jodi Cook  
John Cornwell  
Jon Couzens  
Steve Crew  
John Culbertson

Michelle Cummins  
Troy Daily  
Kelley Daniel  
Theresa Daniels  
Mike Davis  
Tammy Davis  
Tracy Dawkins

Cynthia Day  
Devlen Day  
Ron Day  
Rachael DeMore  
Tina Der  
Rick Desuza  
Joe DeShazo

Tandy Devine  
John DeYoung  
Diane Dietrich  
Brad DiGirolamo  
Bob Dockins  
Frank Donnici  
Brock Doubledee



## Sophomores

Guy Downey  
Brian Drinkwater  
Carmen Dunlap  
Lisa Dunnaway  
Scott Durst  
John Easley  
Daisy Ebeck

Ronnie Eckhardt  
Shannon Edmisson  
Darrin Elbert  
Paula Ellis  
Steve Elrick  
Shelley Engle  
Phillip Epple

Chad Erk  
Pam Estill  
Marcy Etter  
Sarah Fancher  
Joe Ferrante  
Stace Fickling  
Randy Fikki

Daniel Fleming  
Tom Flippin  
Mike Fogliani  
Stacey Folkert  
Karen Folsom  
Bryan Gamble  
Donna Francis





# Twins have lifetime companion

by Mary Kackley

One out of every 70 births is twins, however, whether fraternal or identical, they are truly a double joy for their parents, Savlin explains, mother of Julie and Joanne Savlin.

Fraternal twins are made from two separate eggs as identical twins are from one. There are about the same number of fraternal twins as identical, as also, the same number of boy or girl twins. Julie and Joanne are identical twins, who both agree that, on one side, being identical has its advantages.

"Someone is always there to with or listen to you. We never worry about being alone," Joanne said.

"It's also fun to play tricks on people, confuse them, switch classes . . . but Truman makes that hard since they make sure we get different teachers and classes," Joanne said.

However, even though the advantages are nice, the girls have found, on the other side, being identical definitely has disadvantages and also some irritations.

"It's hard. People don't know which one I am sometimes and they're always saying, 'I bet you get sick of people asking you this, but, which one are you?' I say, 'No, I don't get sick of it,' but, really I do," Julie said.

"We are used to it now; we realize we're going to be asked that for the rest of our lives, we understand," Joanne said.

Another disadvantage, and probably the most prominent one for the



Julie and Joanne said they never dress alike, yet they sometimes like to confuse people on which one they are just for fun. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

girls, is the feeling of not having their own identity, Julie explained.

"People include both of us in everything; they even say our names together," Julie said.

"People need to realize that twins are different . . . the way they talk, act, feel . . . they have different opinions just like anyone," their mother said.

Savlin reminisced about the only time she forgot which was which. She said that it was a few months after she brought the girls home from the hospital and she accidentally fed one twice. Otherwise, she has always been able to tell them apart as well as their family

and closest friends can.

Some of Julie and Joanne's closest friends explain they notice the little things that help them tell the twins apart.

"The tone of their voice is different, but so is a lot of things about them. You just have to get to know them to really understand and see the differences," junior Jeff Pieratt said.

As Julie said, "I don't know why my family and some of my friends can tell us apart, except that maybe it's what my mom always told me, 'The people who can tell us apart are the ones who want to.'"



Rhonda Free  
Steve Free  
Pam Friedley  
David Garcia  
Sarah Geelan  
Mark Gelino

John George  
Karyn Gilges  
Kathy Gilges  
Brad Gillespie  
Christine Gillmor  
Sherri Glentzer

Tammy Glover  
Beth Goebel  
David Goodwin  
Kevin Gore  
John Gordon  
Jeff Gouldsmith



John Gray  
Stephanie Grapes  
Randy Graves  
Sarah Graves  
Andy Gray  
Mike Greble

Scott Gregg  
Mark Gregston  
Glen Gross  
Jodie Haines  
Doug Hamblen  
Carol Hamby

Stacy Hamilton  
Bill Hampshire  
Am. Hancock  
Cindy Hancock  
Glen Harder  
Steven Hardie



# Underclassmen discover talents

by Brent Herrick

**A**s students left junior high school to come to Truman, one thing high on their list of things to accomplish was to participate in athletics.

Lettering as an underclassman was a feeling hard to surpass for some students.

"I knew what I had to do to get a varsity letter and when I received it, I was very proud of it," sophomore Chad Puckett said.

Lettering was the first milestone for some athletes and a second letter meant just as much.

"I lettered my freshman year and it meant a lot and it meant just as much when I lettered again my sophomore year," Sarah Graves said.

Some varsity athletes said they felt underclassmen who letter were good for the athletic program.

"I think it is good for the program. When underclassmen see that they can letter, this should promote more to come out and participate," senior Jeff Passantino said.

Students not participating in sports also thought positively about underclassmen earning letters.

"I think it is good because it shows they are good at a sport," senior Jennifer Couzens commented.

Coaches often found themselves

playing underclassmen and then giving them varsity letters because of their efforts and participation.

"If a freshman or sophomore is good enough to participate in varsity competition and letter, I think it's fine," baseball coach Rick Berlin said.

With as many sports as Truman has to offer, students had many areas of athletics from which to choose. Each sport appealed to the individual athlete for different reasons. Each offered its own challenges, but the satisfaction of earning a varsity letter was shared by all who competed. Some athletes lettered because they beat out other upperclassmen and others lettered because they were needed in a particular place at a particular time.

"I beat out some other girls and earned a position on the volleyball team and was very proud of my letter," Suzanne Conyers said.

"I went from a sophomore quarterback to the junior varsity team and after Paul Omstead got hurt, I found myself on the varsity. I was needed at the position of quarterback and felt I earned the letter even though they would have probably preferred a more experienced quarterback to go down the stretch," sophomore Brian Rose commented.

After a season ends, the honor of receiving a varsity letter made the sacrifices and discipline worthwhile, athletes said. Some thrived on the competition

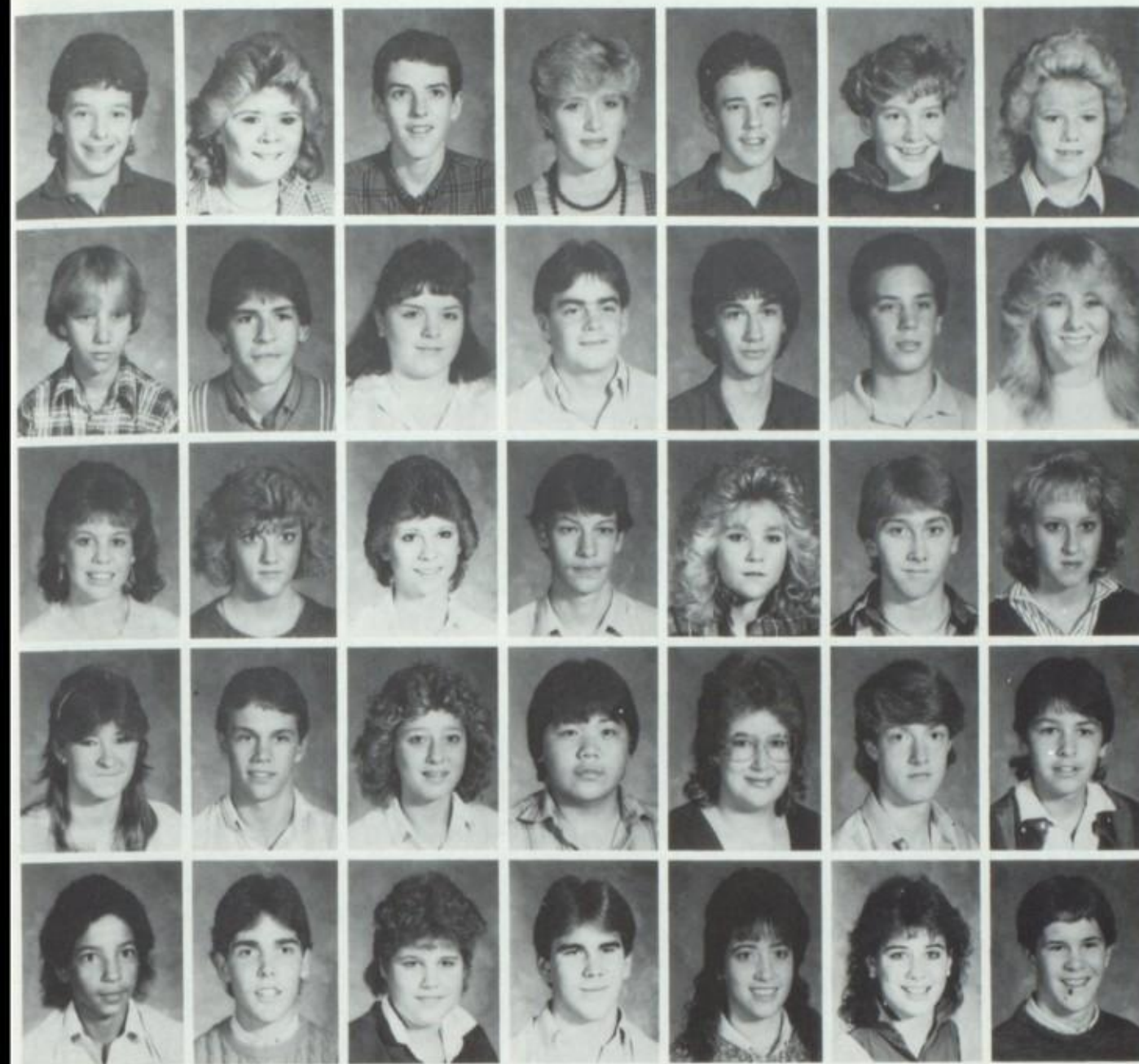


It takes a lot of determination and dedication to become a varsity letterman. Sophomore Suzanne Conyers lettered in volleyball this year. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

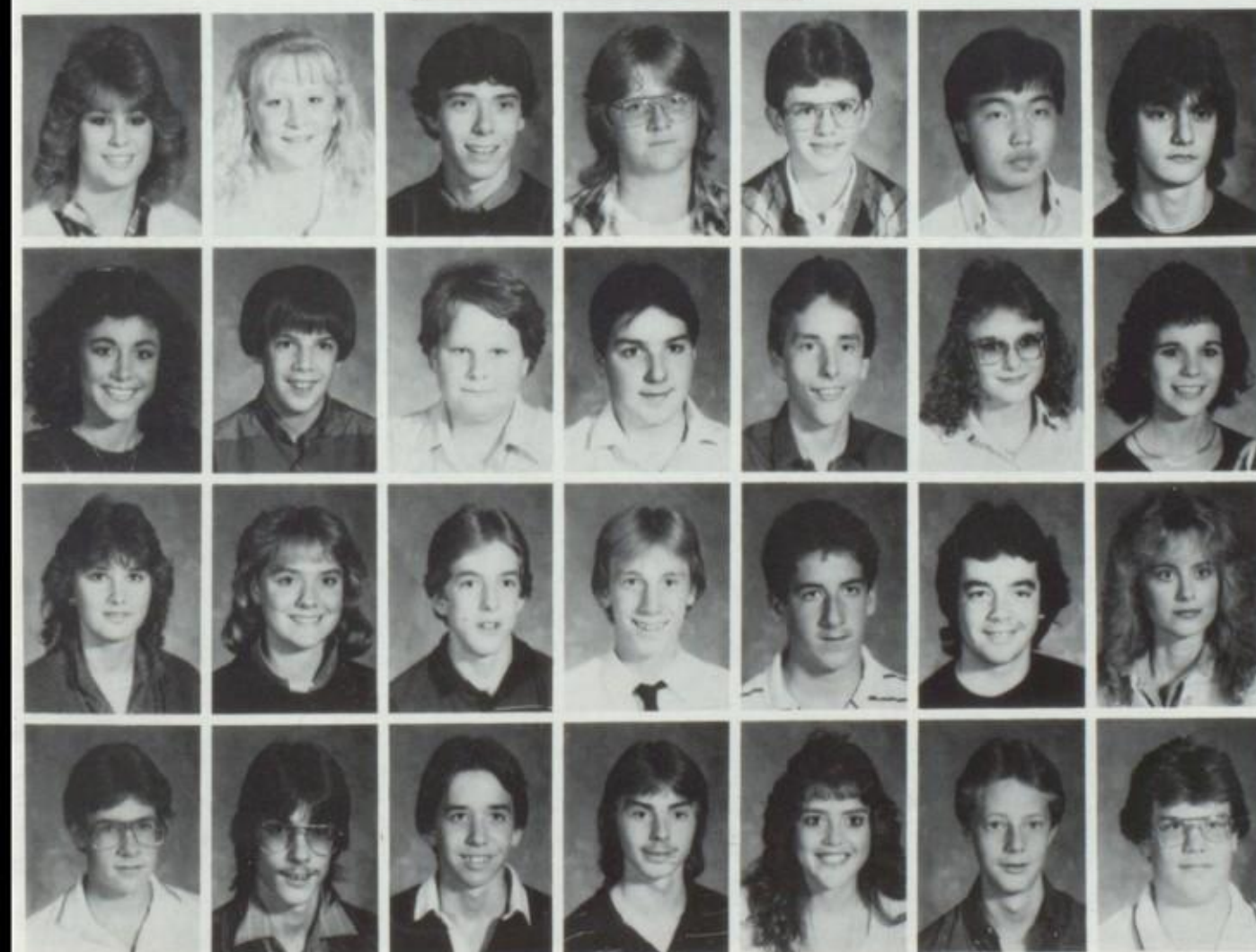
but tried not to let earning the letter make them overconfident:

"I think the hard work is worth it. I have no desire to be a big shot, just the best athlete I can be," Graves concluded.





## Sophomores



Craig Harding  
Valerie Harmon  
Derrick Hartley  
Danelle Hatfield  
Devin Hartley  
Jill Hartman  
Angela Hedding

Scott Hedeem  
Eric Helmich  
Michele Henneman  
Erik Hanson  
Brian Hess  
Matt Hess  
Bonnie Hodges

Joy Holling  
Karen Holm  
Marla Hopper  
Paul Horton  
Tammy Hoskins  
Terry Howard  
Tasha Howerton

Renee Hudson  
Danny Hughes  
Wendy Hugill  
Phil Hung  
Shannon Hurla  
Michael G. Immer  
Daniel Ingram

Larry James  
Robert Jarvis  
Tracy Jeanneret  
Darren Jennings  
Stacy Jennings  
Kelly Jeskie  
Chad John

Celeste Johnson  
Lori Johnson  
Charlie Jones  
Richard Jones  
Todd Jones  
Victor Juliana  
Eric Justice

Shelor Kendall  
Pat Kenney  
Heather Kerns  
Brian Kibler  
David Kim  
Connie Kiper  
Michelle Kirkpatrick

Lee Ann Kimball  
Karen King  
Mark Kisslinger  
Dennis Kleyh  
Josh Kolb  
Derrik Kriewitz  
Jennifer Kruse

Craig Kuzniakowski  
Joe Kytle  
Randy Lady  
Brian La Favor  
Michelle Lalla  
Stephen Lamberty  
John Lambros



Amanda Larsen  
Bonni Larson  
Bobbie Lawson  
Todd Leabo  
Cathy Lehman  
Scott Leshner  
Shelley Lester

Heather Lewis  
Carrie Lierman  
Michele Loges  
Traci Long  
Jamie Luckner  
Erika Lukens  
Brian Lundberg

Kristine Lupardus  
Marsha Lute  
Ronda Luther  
Kathy Lynch  
Pam MacGrayne  
Mark Mahaffey  
Stephanie Malloy

Steve Mancini  
Marcus Macias  
Kevin Mason  
Phil Masoner  
Karissa Massey  
Cecilia Mata  
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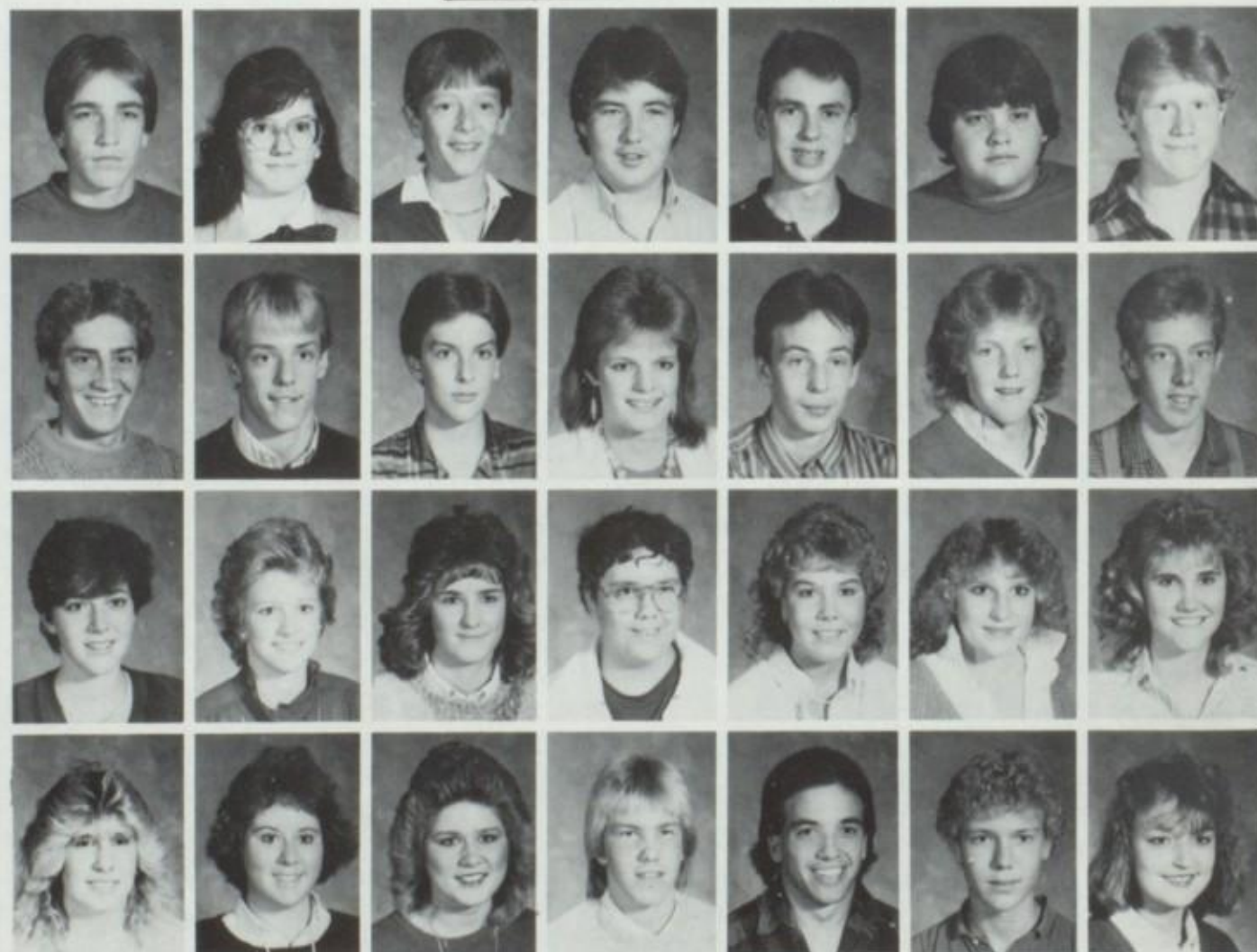
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Lance Miller

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Jason Mlarik  
Lori Moore  
Mike Moore  
Jeanine Morehouse  
Timothy Morgan

Kathy Morris  
Diane Murphy  
Michel Musteen  
Stevan Nash  
Peggy Neidlinger  
April Neill  
Kim Nelson

Pam Nelson  
Jennifer Nevils  
Dana Newport  
Don Niederschulte  
Allen Nickel  
Chris Nielson  
Sheila Noel







Mike Nutter  
Kelly O'Brien  
Darren O'Dell  
David Ostrander  
Mike Page  
Laura Pagel

Steve Parker  
Jim Partlow  
Melissa Payne  
Tara Pescetto  
Jared Pententler  
Brenda Peters

Natalie Peters  
Tim Peters  
Dawn Peterson  
Jason Pickel  
John Pietzsch  
Bryan Phillips

# Styles show unique personality

by Brian Ortiz

What may be very "in" now, may have been far "out" just two years ago. Just as what may have been "chic" may be "geek." Styles seem to change with the times.

"Sometimes when my mom looks in my closet, she tells me that she used to wear clothes like mine when she was younger," junior Christi Lopez said. "She's always joking around and telling me to save all my clothes because they will be back in style in a few years."

Loosely cut lounge garments, bright wild prints, color combinations, sleeve cuts, leg designs, advanced styling and European influences combine with the preppy look and leave students in a relaxed atmosphere without cult fads.

"At first I dressed wild to stand out. I wanted to wear different clothes than my friends," sophomore Carrie Averill said. "But now everybody wears their own thing, so it really doesn't matter."

Men and women have a variety of styles from which to choose. Casual shirts have been cut larger and many have that untailored look or drop shoulders. Also "in" is an offspring of the sweatshirt. The younger versions are accented with pastel prints or large lettering. Red, yellow, black, white, blue, grey and pink are the dominant colors for men; red, yellow, fuschia, pink, white, black, turquoise, and purple for



Flowers, silk tops, geometrical designs and broaches are among the many fads at Truman. (Photo by Greg Carr)

women. Blue jeans have become less popular and people are leaning toward the two-tone distressed denims and casual slacks. Stirrup pants, spandex pants, shaker sweaters, and anything paisley are also popular ladies' styles.

Accessories play an important role in dressing. Pointed shoes, wide belts, and long earrings add the final touches to the way many dress.

"I get my haircut different every year so that it doesn't get dull. This year I have worn it fairly calm like in my yearbook picture and wild like now," junior Eric Melton said.

The belief that to get a certain look

it takes a certain haircut is gone. You may see someone outrageously dressed and wear a conservative haircut simultaneously. Likewise you may see a fairly conservative dresser attached to a wild haircut, although spiked and neon colored hair is less popular.

Actor Don Johnson, however, is very popular. His television series "Miami Vice" and others brought the rugged, unshaved, and comfortable look back.

Thus the fad seems to be anything comfortable. Whatever students do, they do in the most relaxed way.



# Sophomores look for answers

## SPORTS:

1. What is 79% of a gold medal made of?

- a. Bronze — Todd Jones
- b. Aluminum — Jim Cady
- c. Wood — Tiffany Smith

Answer: Silver

2. Who was the first golfer to win a million dollars?

- a. Bob Hope — Steve Fee
- b. Fred Brosky — Diane Dietrich
- c. Arnold Palmer — Jerry Beck

Answer: Arnold Palmer

3. Who is known as baseball's Charlie Hustle?

- a. Willie Wilson — Dawn Allen
- b. Pete Rose — Lisa Wilson
- c. Chevy Chase — Steve Elrick

Answer: Pete Rose

## ENTERTAINMENT:

1. Name of the Cleaver's Bakery?

- a. McDonalds — Jenny McFadden
- b. Eddie's Edibles — Beth Goebel
- c. The Perfect Families Bakery — Donna Sultzbaugh

Answer: Nelson Bakery

2. Name of Wally Cleaver's steady girlfriend?

- a. Sally Smith — Sheila Noel
- b. Cindy — Glen Harder
- c. Wally's Woman — Craig Cook

Answer: Mary Ellen Rogers

3. Name of the ship that wrecked in Gilligan's Island?

- a. S.S. Minnow — Rob Appleberry
- b. U.S.S. Sardine — David Winslow
- c. Titanic — Jason Seubert

Answer: S.S. Minnow

## NEWS:

1. What was President Reagan's middle name?

- a. Hitler — Tisha Stoffer
- b. Ralph — Kim Tohy
- c. Lee — Scott Bridges

Answer: Wilson

2. Who won the 1980 caucus in Iowa?

- a. The Pope — Lisa Wilson
- b. Ho-Chi-Men — Eric Selesky
- c. Kennedy — Suzanne Conyers

Answer: George Bush

3. In what cathedral were Prince Charles and Lady Diana married?

- a. Windgate — Brian Kelsay
- b. A steep one — Brock Doubldee
- c. St. Paul's — Shannon McKee

Answer: St. Paul's

Brett Phipps  
Stephanie Pleacher  
Bonnie Polle  
Curtis Popplewell  
Linda Powell  
Tanya Price

Kim Principe  
Chad Puckett  
Becky Pulford  
Russell Pulliam  
Mindy Quick  
Karry Radcliffe

Mike Rains  
Joe Ranallo  
Vimal Ranat  
Christine Reed  
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Ellen Renfrow  
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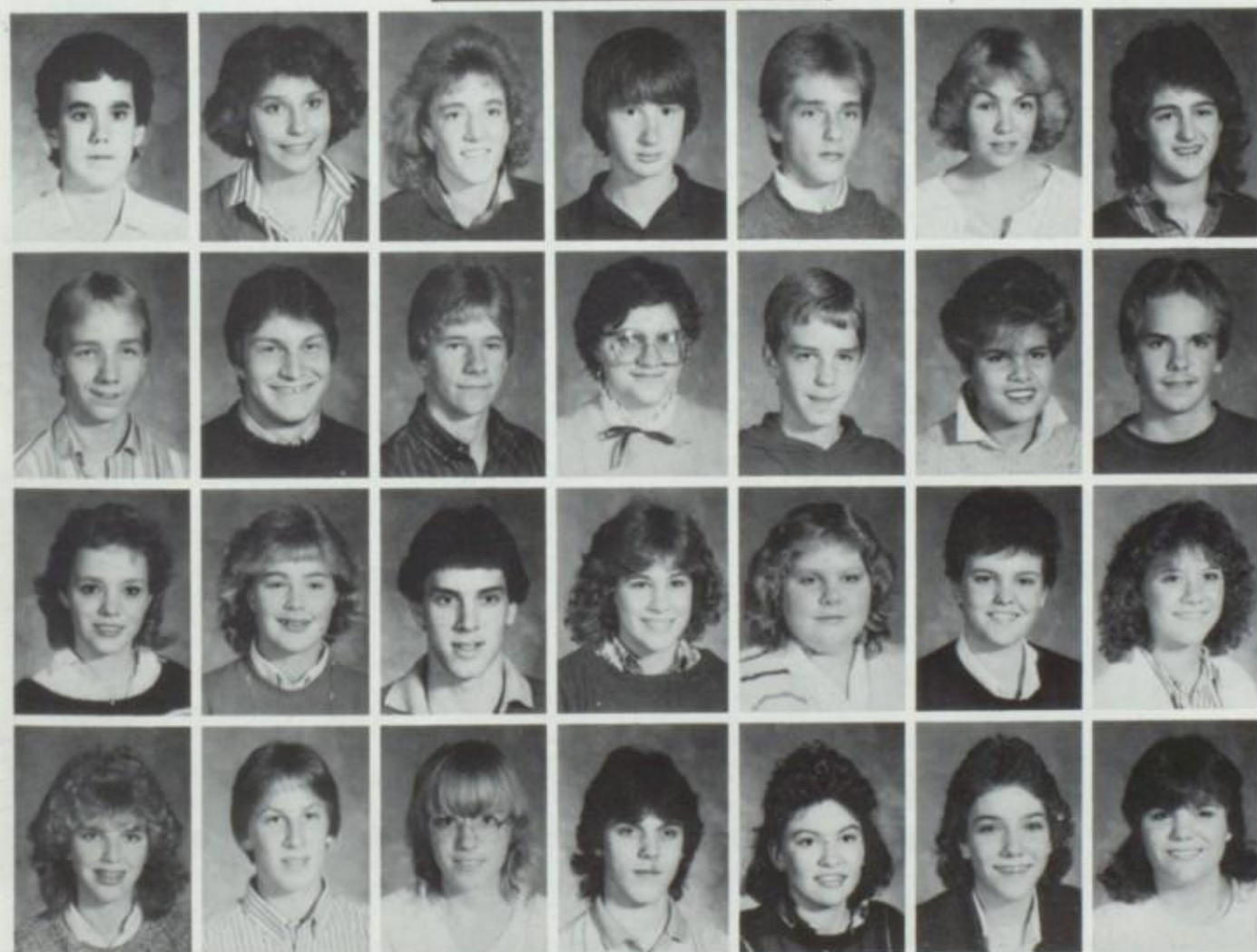
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Amea Sanders  
Craig Sanders  
David Savage  
Joanne Savlin

Julie Savlin  
Monica Sawyers  
Lance Schamberger  
Tina Schannuth  
Mindy Schlueter  
Julie Schmid  
Steve Schmitt

Tracy Schofield  
Eric Sclesky  
Kim Scott  
Jenny Scott  
Lance Seigfreid  
Danny Serig  
Jason Seubert

## Sophomores



Rodney Sheets  
Ginny Shellhorn  
Melissa Sherman  
Robert Shouthessy  
Christopher Shroyer  
Ronda Simmons  
Stacy Sindt

Adam Singleton  
Charles Sloan  
Blake Smith  
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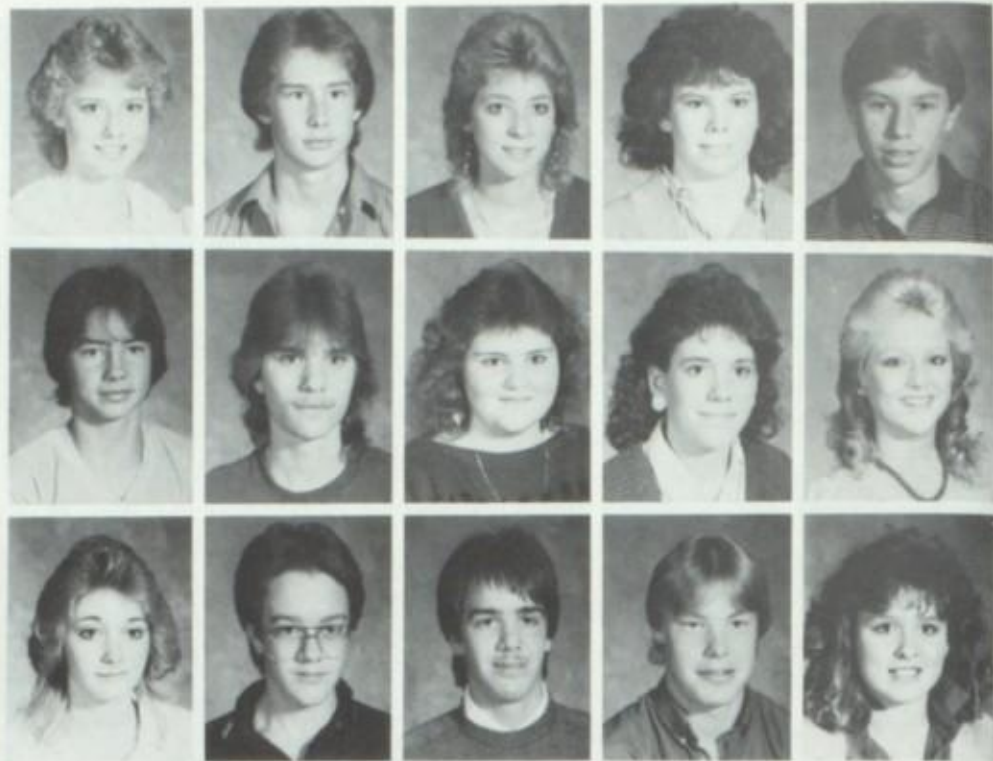
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Kim Snider  
Phillip Snider  
Sonia Sortore  
Cindy Spratt  
Christie Springer



Renee Stafford  
John Stanley  
Melinda Stanley  
Rayna Steen  
Troy Sterett

Billy Sterling  
Bryan Steward  
Carla Stinnett  
Kathy Stobart  
Trisha Stoffer

Susan Stribling  
Denise Street  
Chris Stroud  
Todd Stuck  
Mike Sullivan  
Donna Sultzbaugh



# Curfews depend on trust level

by Hollie Glass

Curfews mean for a lot of people ending their weekend early, while for others it means getting the freedom they want.

Junior Jane Aslakson said she really didn't have one:

"As long as they know where I'm going to be, whom I'm going to be with and when I'll be home, they really don't give me one. I'm usually in pretty early, anyway.

"They're pretty good about understanding if I'm going to be late. But if I am, I should call and tell them.

"If I did stay out really late and not tell them I probably wouldn't be able to stay out as late the next night. I might lose my parents' trust. I'm not really rebellious, so I don't have any real problem with it."

Junior Kenny Boone said his parents weren't really strict about giving him one, but if he abuses it, then they get strict:

"Mom usually has a lot to say about my late nights, but usually I'm o.k. if I blow it off. But way back inside, I'm still nervous about going home.

"I think it would be great to be able to stay out the whole weekend. I mean who wouldn't? I think it would be lonely, though, not having anyone to want you home.

"My curfew is fine with me. I just think of the day I'll be making my own, that makes it all worthwhile."

Junior Shannon Miller said she didn't have one, either.

"Kind of . . . it's like I really don't have one, but all of my friends have to be in by 12 o'clock, so after that there's nothing to do but go home."

"Usually it's o.k. if I'm going to be late, but it just depends on how late. If it's like 10 or 15 minutes, then it doesn't matter, but after that I should call. I don't mind calling my parents; it's just getting their trust and that's important."

Junior Sarah Conyers has a different situation:

"It's more like they fake being mean. Like 'everyone else has one so you will, too.' "

"It's totally different if I go out on a date. My mom knows my boyfriend so I could come in at 1 .m. maybe. She trusts him with me. If I go out and come home early then maybe he won't leave until 3 a.m. or so, but that's because they know where I am.

"Curfews are great if your parents can't trust you, but if they can, then maybe they should be later," Sarah said.

Junior Julie Riddle said her parents wait up for her.

"My parents wait up for me. No matter what time it is, there's Dad sitting up on the couch."

Junior Jennie Lawler said, "Usually my parents are asleep and if I come in before the hour's up, it's o.k., or if I'm in my pajamas before they wake up they never know.

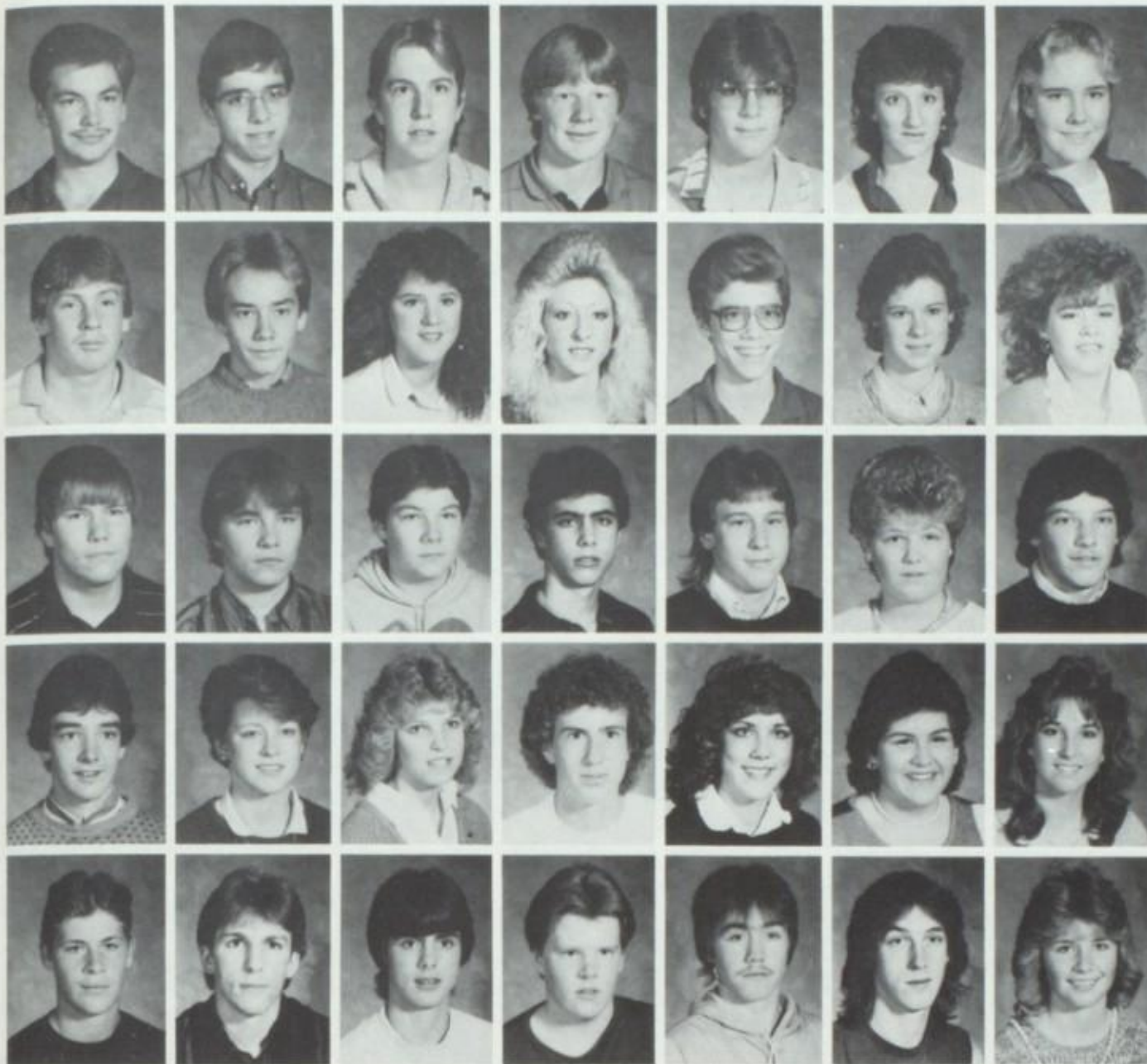
"I'm glad I have cats; they don't make noise and give me away."

Junior Mike Manade said, "I like to be out late at night with my buddies just goofin' around, not necessarily getting into trouble, just getting loud."



Instead of risking the problems of returning home late from curfew, Truman students take many precautions to arrive on time. Clocks and watches are checked regularly. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)





Richard Summers  
Cameron Sutt  
Stuart Sweetland  
Todd Sword  
Curt Talcott  
Marcia Taylor  
Rebeca Temming

Scott Terry  
Dennis Tharp  
Ann Thomas  
Michele Thurston  
Robbie Timme  
Gery Tolle  
Kim Totty

Jim Town  
John Town  
Jay Truelove  
Darin Tracy  
Paul Turley  
Dana Turner  
Danny Turner

Mark Tweedie  
Suzi Twiehaus  
Sherri Upp  
Monte VanBibber  
Denise VanWormer  
Kim Vasquez  
Crissy Vaughn

Robert Wagner  
Chris Wahrenbrock  
Clint Walker  
Paul Walker  
Keith Walters  
Ray Walters  
Dana Wear

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Kevin Weiss  
Carol Welsh  
Stacie Welsh  
Tim Wheeler  
Kent Werremeyer  
Dede White  
Tabitha Whited

Craig Whitehead  
Mike Whitelay  
Rachael Whitword  
Jaye Wiley  
Tonya Wilkey  
Randy Williams  
Shane Williams

Shelley Williams  
Brian Wilson  
Lisa Wilson  
Steve Wilson  
Tony Wilson  
Duane Wingate  
David Winslow

Diana Winter  
Roxanne Wood  
Wib Woodson  
Doug Yancey  
Tricia Young  
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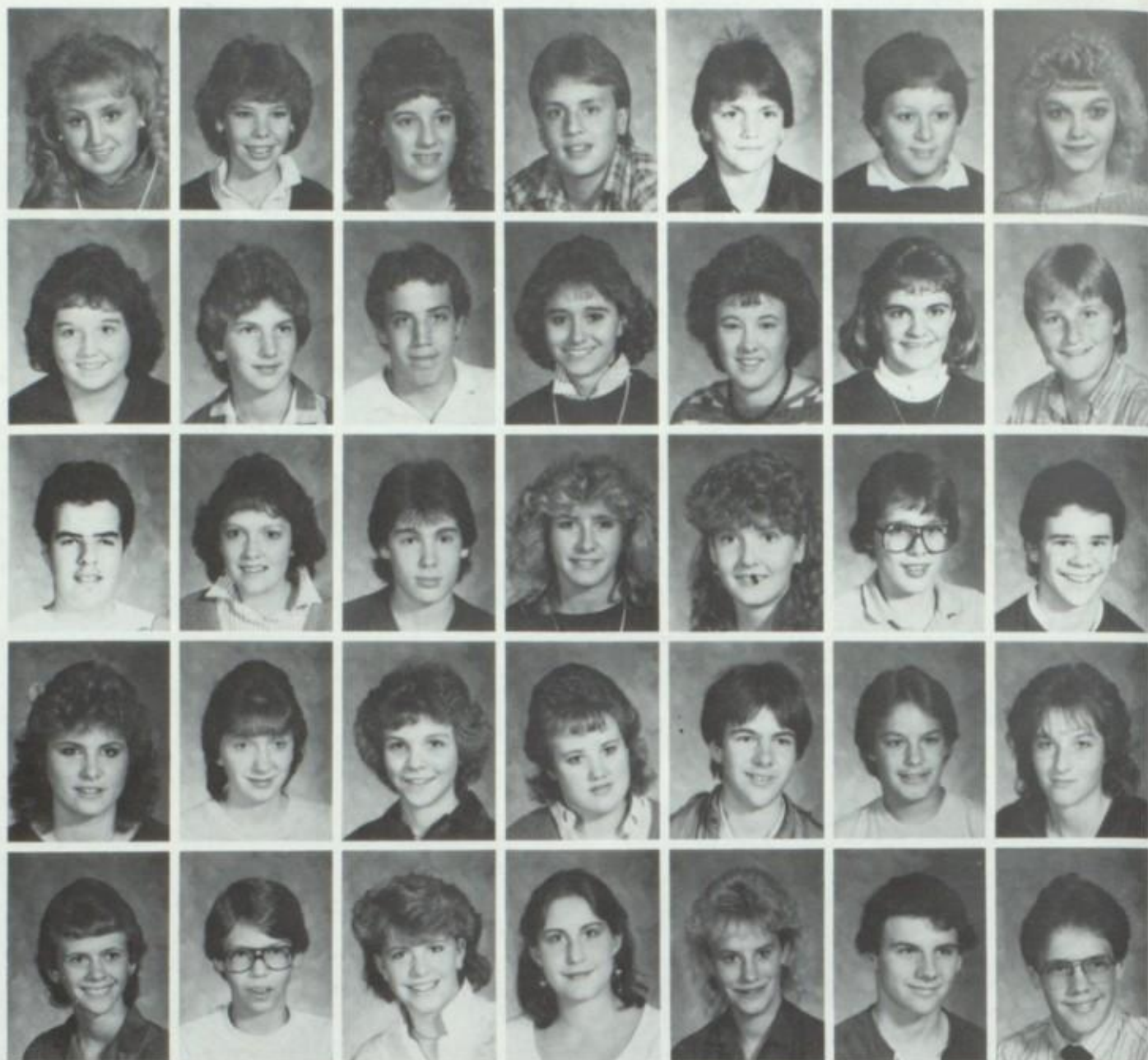
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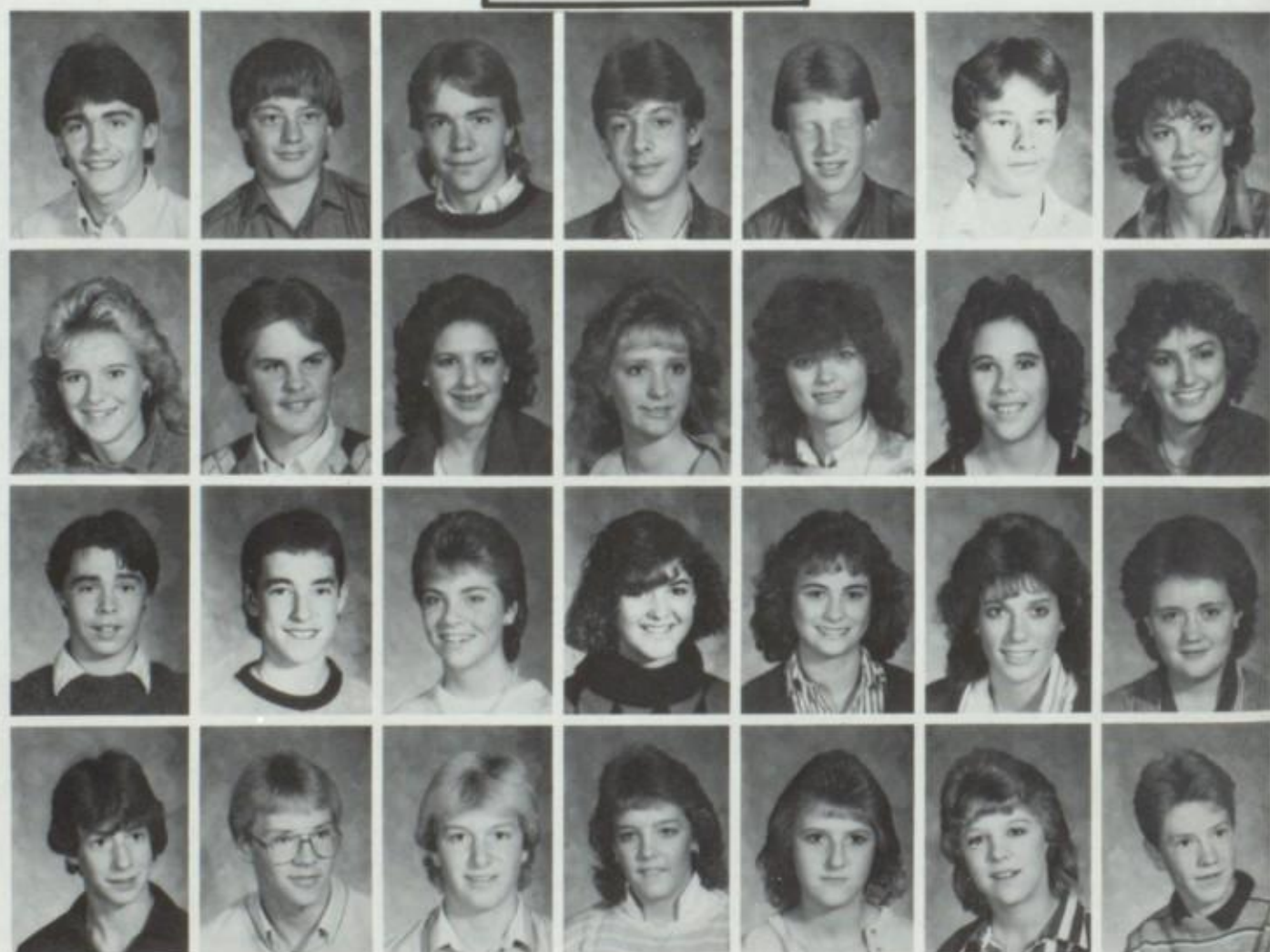
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Dina Byrd  
Cindy Cain

Scott Cambiano  
Mike Camden  
Frankie Cambell  
Susan Cambell  
Penny Carder  
Shelly Carlson  
Lesa Carlton

Evan Carpenter  
Kenny Carson  
Joseph Caruso  
Tina Cary  
Kristy Case  
Christie Chamberlain  
Jimmy Chapman







Metta Childress  
Lisa Chinn  
Brian Christy  
Ronda Church  
Carri Cichacki



Jennifer Clark  
Tisa Clay  
Susie Clymer  
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Jeff Coleman  
Karen Collins



Kelly Collins  
Shayla Collins  
Robbie Combs  
Pam Conner  
Steve Cook  
Guy Coontz  
Ed Cooper



Bob Cothran  
April Cottrell  
Sean Coughlin  
Shawn Craig  
Janna Crawford  
John Creager  
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# Inexperience causes problems

by Beth Jones

Uncertainty of responsibilities and fundraising problems were the major obstacles freshmen class officers had to contend with this year.

"I signed up to become an officer and the next thing I knew I had won, but I was never told what I was to do," secretary Rex Stephens said.

This year's class is led by Kirk Gutekunst, president; Darrin Shinabargar, vice-president; Rex, secretary; and Audi O'Dell, treasurer.

This is the first time the officers have ever had to lead a single class.

"This is not the same as junior high. There it was all Student Council together and you knew what you had to do for the whole school. Here you have just one class with a greater responsibility," Rex said.

The officers haven't done much with fundraising this year. They would like to try and do more but have been unable to do so.

"The only thing we have done is sell candy, but I think we should be able



Freshman class officers: Darrin Shinabargar, vice-president; Rex Stephens, secretary; Kirk Gutekunst, president; Audi O'Dell, treasurer. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

to do more," Darrin said.

Few activities are rarely planned for just the freshmen. However, they feel they are capable of doing various activities.

"We want to please our class, but I don't think we have enough say-so to really do some of the things we would like to do. For example, we would of

liked to have a car wash and also like to sell carnations so we can raise some money for our class," Kirk said.

Even though the class officers haven't been as active as they would have liked Kirk summed it up by saying, "It's been a neat experience to be able to help out my class as much as possible. Maybe next year we'll be more aware of what to do to become more involved."



# Brothers, sisters give support

by Carolyn Gillmor

**H**aving a brother or sister attending the same school can often cause problems although it can also mean that there is always somebody to turn to.

"There is somebody to talk to about things," sophomore Rob Appleberry said.

Older siblings are often able to help incoming freshmen make an easier adjustment to the school.

"It was easier because Stacy knew a lot of the same people that I did and she could tell me about teachers to watch out for," sophomore Kelly Anderson said. "Also there was someone there to help me find classes when I was first at Truman."

"Jenny tells me about teachers that she's already had," freshman Chris Hodson said. "She tells me how the teacher likes it done, and what they'll expect. Also, she gives me a ride to school."

"I think it was easier as a freshman because she could relate to things that she'd already been through," Rob said.

Being in the same school can help strengthen relationships between brothers and sisters.

"We're good friends," senior Jenny Hodson said. "When he was in junior high, I didn't get to see him. Now we ride to and from school together and we can talk. I think the older we get, the better we get along. Now we have school in common, we know the same people and we have the same interests."

"I think we've grown a little bit closer," senior Richard Murphy said. "We see each other at school and we know a lot more about each other because we hear what's going on and we know what each other is doing."

Many brothers and sisters end up taking interest in the same things and can spend time together that way.

"Both of us do a lot of the same activities," senior Brian Franciskato said. "We can do things together, not just as a little brother; it's more of a friendship."

"I like it because we have a lot of the same teachers and I'll walk in the room and they'll see the name," freshman Mike Franciskato said. "They compare me with him and expect me to be the same. It helps me along and kind of pushes me."

For some, certain problems arise from sharing the same school with siblings.



Having separate lockers means less opportunity for brother and sister Decker and Kindle Perkins to argue. (Photo by Greg Carr)

"When he's with his friends, I don't exist," sophomore Diane Murphy said. "I know most of his friends and they talk to me, but when he's with them, it's like 'Who are you?'"

"I can't lie about school activities because she knows differently," Kelly said.

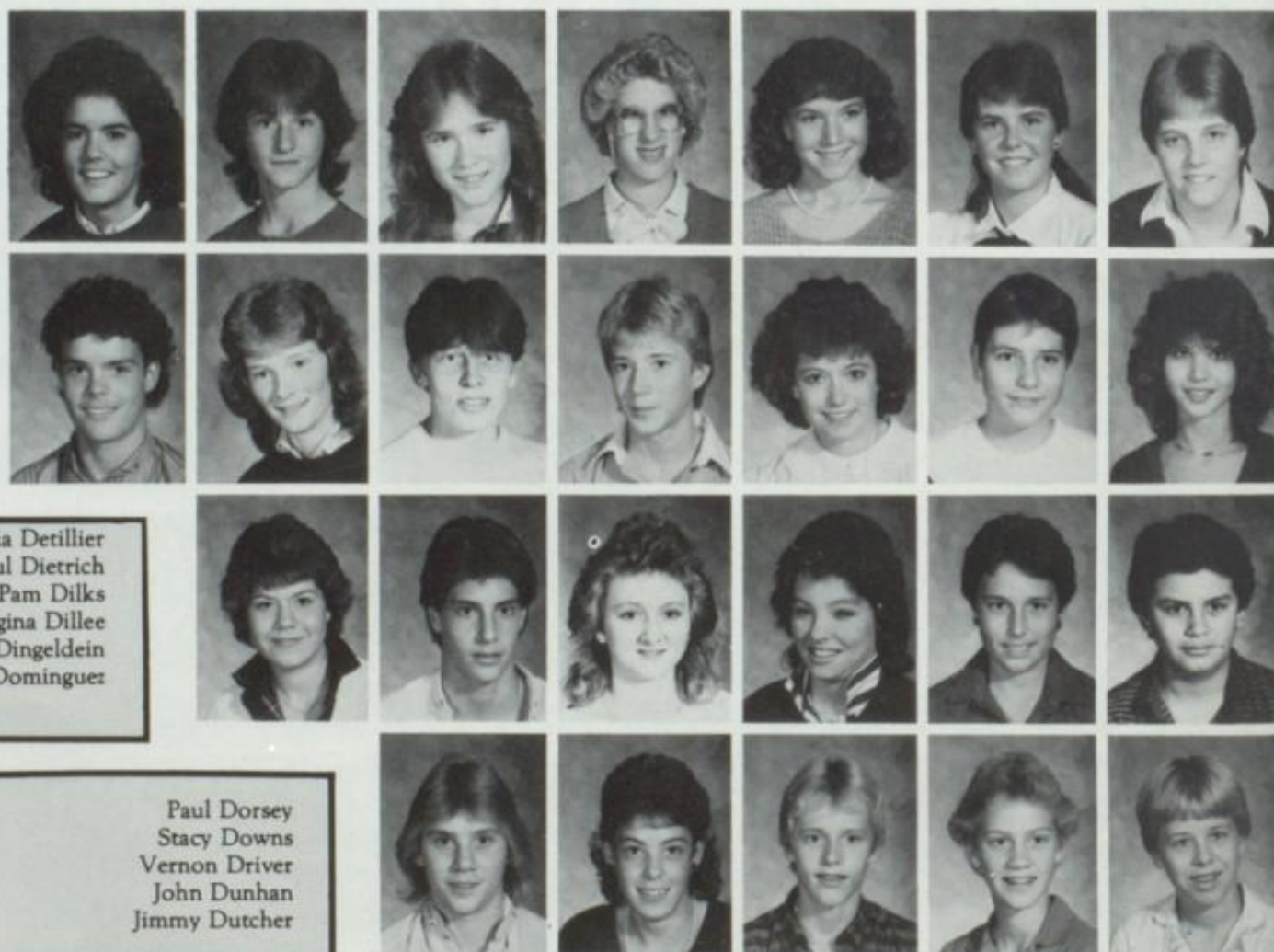
"It's easier having someone there, someone to turn to," Diane said.

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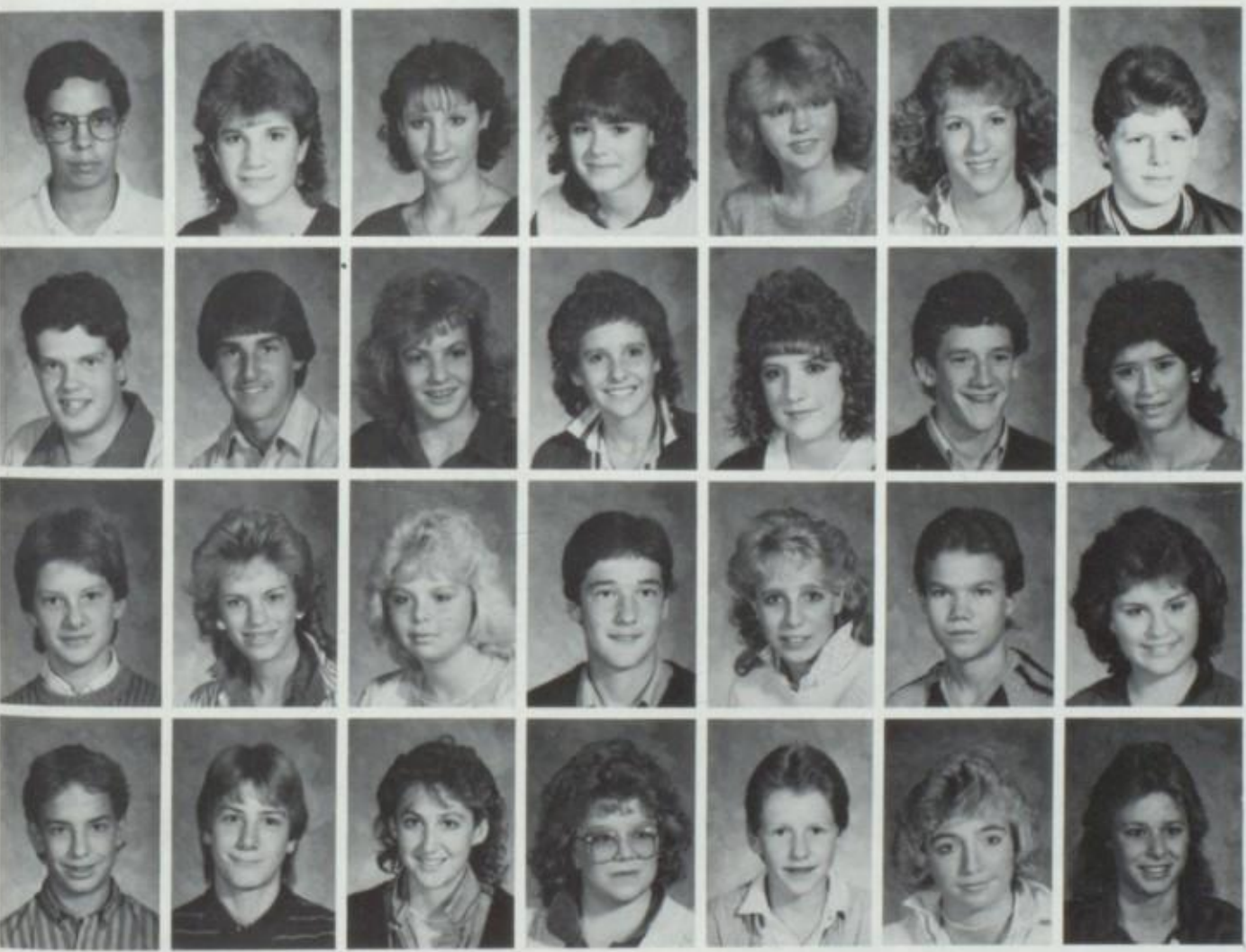
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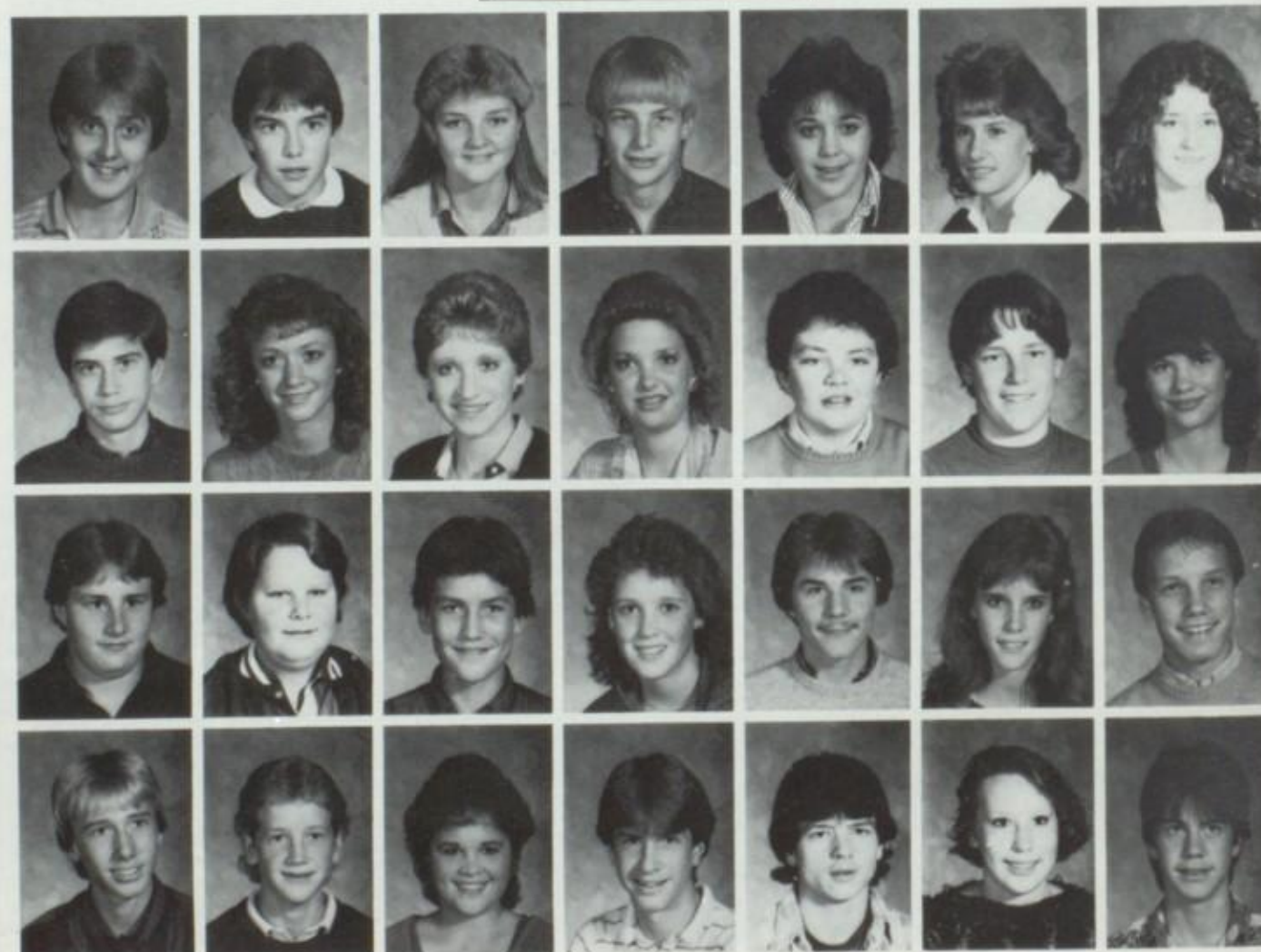
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Stephanie Levens  
Grant Lightle  
Bill Lindley  
Tina Loar

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Donna Lyle  
Tim Magana  
Craig Main

David Makepeace  
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Angela Markley  
Chris Marks  
Scott Marshall

Jill Martin  
Lori Martin  
Sondra Mawhiney  
David Maxwell  
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Shaun May  
Ted May

# Zero hour follows new credits

by Pat Allen

The past four years have been years of great change for Truman. Four years ago it had freshmen in its halls for the first time; last year the requirements were raised by the state for graduation and this year was the year of the zero hour.

The zero hour as it turned out was really only an extension of the raised requirements from the year before.

"The zero hour and the new requirements pretty much run hand-in-hand," Counselor Sheila Pool said.

The incoming freshmen had a lot of transitions to make when they came to Truman for the first time and the zero hour just thrust one more new thing upon them.

"I don't think it's fair that we have to have more credits than they have in the past. Why should we have to work harder than the kids before us?" freshman Chris Rapp asked.

"I think it will allow them to explore a lot of classes they may not have taken otherwise, because they may not have had the time," Pool said.

"I'm taking Spanish for my zero hour because I want to have some extra



This year freshman Cuinn Brazee must plan his schedule to graduate with 22 credits rather than the usual 20 after the state raised the requirements for graduation. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

credits and it'll be nice to know a foreign language," freshman Cuinn Brazee said.

"The majority of zero hour students are taking elective courses and because of this the required courses like home economics are hurting," counselor Ray Maher said.

Even though there are a lot of

underclassmen who didn't like the idea of higher requirements there were just as many who liked the prospect of being able to get more credits.

"Zero hour is great. I don't mind the raised requirements, because if I take a zero hour all four years, I'll have 28 credits, more than enough," freshman Julina Steele said.



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Mark McCormick  
Paul McCormick  
Heather McCoy  
Eric McDonald



Sara McDonald  
Tim McElligott  
Seth McMenemy  
LeeAnn McNulty  
Mike Meador  
Chuck Melsh



Jay Meyer  
Alycia Miller  
Ted Miller  
Lisa Mills  
Audrey Minor  
Tina Mitchell  
Bryan Moore  
Euorea Moore  
Jason Moore  
Lisa Moore  
John McRoberts  
Shauna Mead  
Juan Mora  
Chad Morley



# Parents put strains on students

by Shannon Calohan

**H**ow would you like your mom or dad to work at your school? Most students wouldn't. For 13 students at Truman this is a reality.

Students are junior Joe Burke, junior Steve Pool, junior Donna Stephens, freshman Rex Stephens, junior David Anderson, freshman Jeff Coffman, senior Jennifer Coffman, sophomore Vikkie Barnes, junior Tom DeMark, sophomore Brian Drinkwater, sophomore Kevin Howery, freshman Chad Morley, and freshman John Dunham.

"It's very uncomfortable. I'm afraid I'm going to do something wrong," Steve said.

"I hardly ever see him. It's like not having him here. I think he wants it that way," counselor Sheila Pool said.

Feeling pressured to make good grades and behave themselves comes along with the territory.

"I feel too much pressure to make good grades. Sometimes when things aren't going well with my grades, she tends to check with my teachers," Steve said.

"I think that's why we stay apart — to avoid that pressure," Pool said.

But having a parent at school can

also be a big help. Students don't have to worry about riding the bus or in case of an emergency parents are always there for you.

"A lot of times she's a big help. I can borrow lunch money and things like that," Steve said.

"It makes it easier coming to school. If something goes wrong, I'm here in the building," Don Coffman, physical education teacher, said.

However, there is a lot of strain in the classroom. Some teachers treat them differently, while others don't know they are related.

"Most teachers try to treat me the same," Rex said.

"Sometimes teachers crack jokes. A lot of them don't know we're related, though," Steve said.

"I don't want to push myself on his teachers. Teachers don't really communicate as well as I would like them to. Maybe they think they don't have to because I'm in the building," Pool said.

"I keep it separate. I don't expect the teachers to give them benefits. I've never tried to treat them any differently," Coffman said.

"If I do mess up in a class, word gets back then he'll ask me about it when I get home," Rex said.



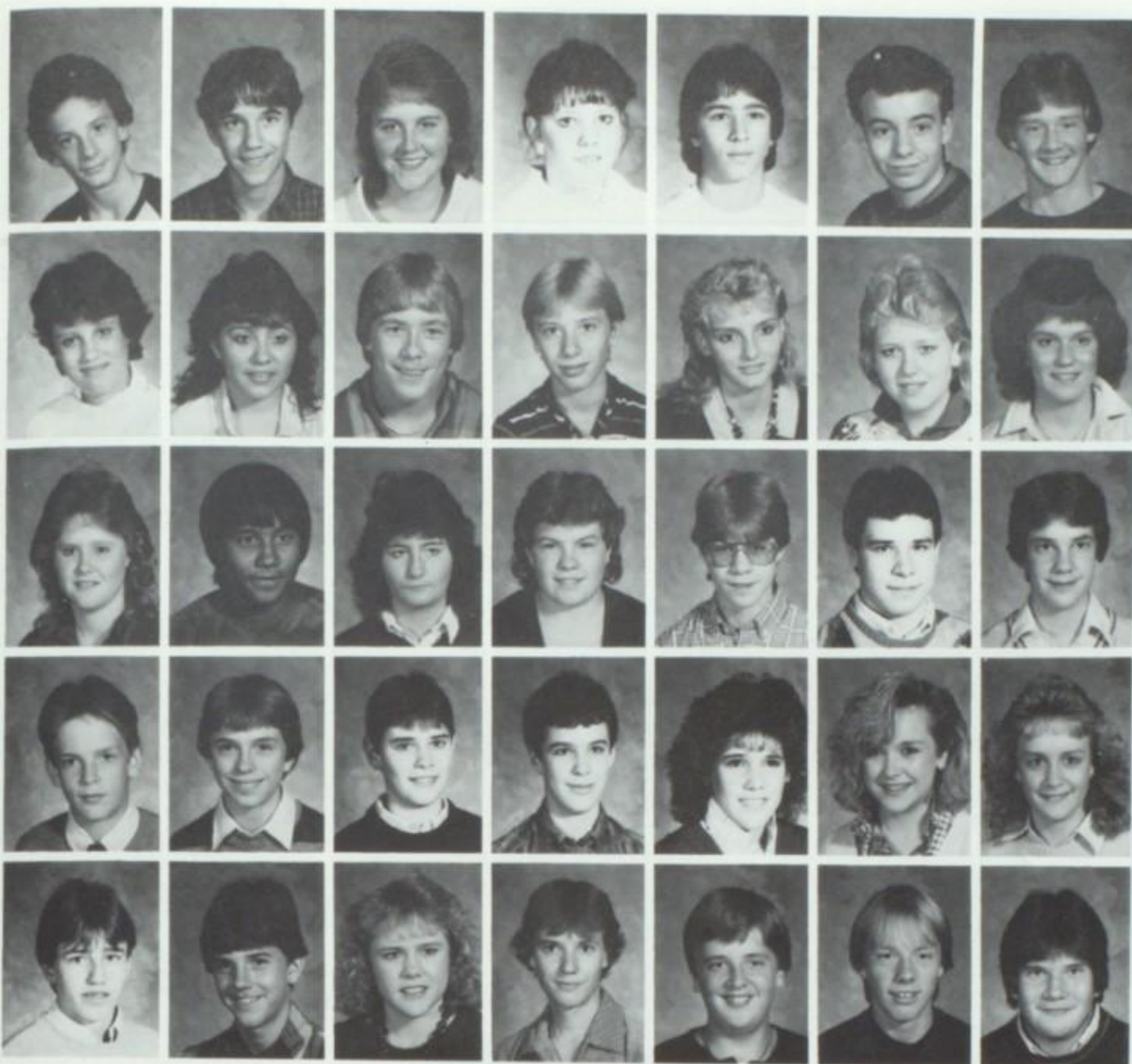
When a problem arises, junior Stephen Pool has an advantage. Counselor Sheila Pool is also his mother. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Are there any advantages?

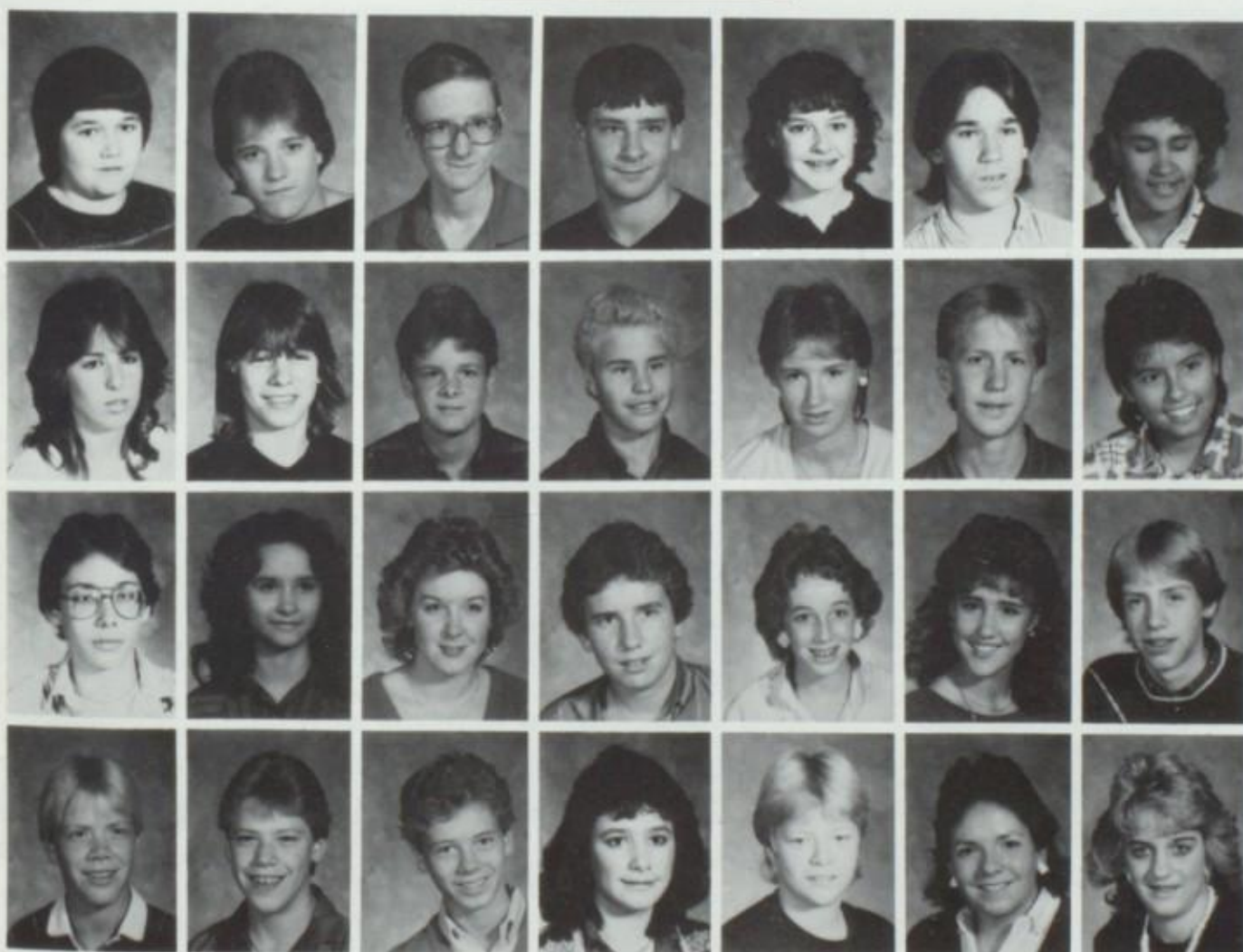
"She can always help me out with a class schedule problem, and if I need something. I don't really go to her a lot. I usually go to my counselor, Mrs. Barnes," Steve said.

"If I need help with something, he can help me with it," Rex said.





## Freshmen



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Tracy Nall  
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Nick Nelms  
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Albert Newton

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Kari Nolin  
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Laura Orr  
Pam Owsley  
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Kim Queen  
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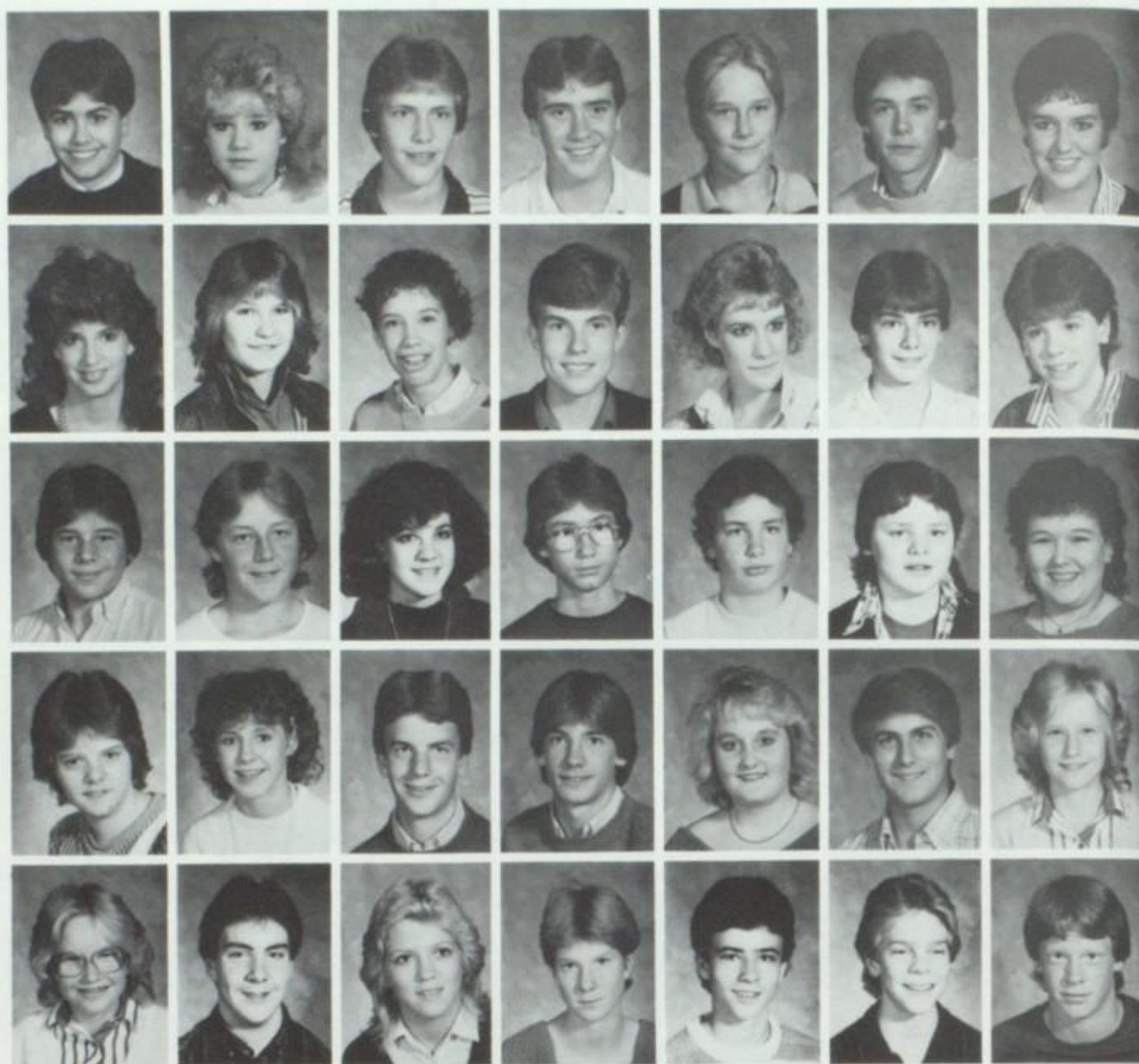
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Steve Webb  
Kriste Welch  
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Jeremy West  
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## Freshmen





# Freshmen challenge trivia skills

## SPORTS:

1. What teams joined the American League in 1969?

- a. Comets — Lori Martin
- b. Oakland A's — Jay Meyer
- c. Milwaukee Brewers — Troy Hanenkratt

Answer: Seattle Pilots and K. C. Royals

2. How many ways can a player reach base in baseball?

- a. 0 — Traci Skoch
- b. 15 — Derick Bedsworth
- c. 5 — Eric Hoversten

Answer: 4

3. How many NBA championships were won by the Boston Celtics between 1957 and 1966?

- a. 3 — Bill Roberts
- b. 1 — Jay Kacheroski
- c. 10 — Shaunna Gall

Answer: 9

## ENTERTAINMENT:

1. Who was Richie Cunningham's older brother?

- a. Bobby — Cathie Gosseen
- b. Herb — Mike Norman
- c. Eugene — Susan Schmidt

Answer: Chuck

2. What family lived at 1313 Mockingbird Lane?

- a. The Brady Bunch — Tina Sexton
- b. Gilligan's Island — Craig Main
- c. Munsters — Seth McMenemy

Answer: Munsters

3. The classic chant "Sha Na Na" was a hit by the Silhouettes. Name that song.

- a. Will you be mine? — Nicole Basinger
- b. Sho-be-do — Jennifer Warner
- c. Get a Job — Mike Gover

Answer: Get a Job.

## NEWS:

1. Where was Abe Lincoln shot?

- a. Heart — Joe Caruso
- b. Big toe — Tracy Gordon
- c. Nostril — Dixier Datweiler

Answer: Behind the left ear.

2. To what country did Ronald Reagan make his first trip as President?

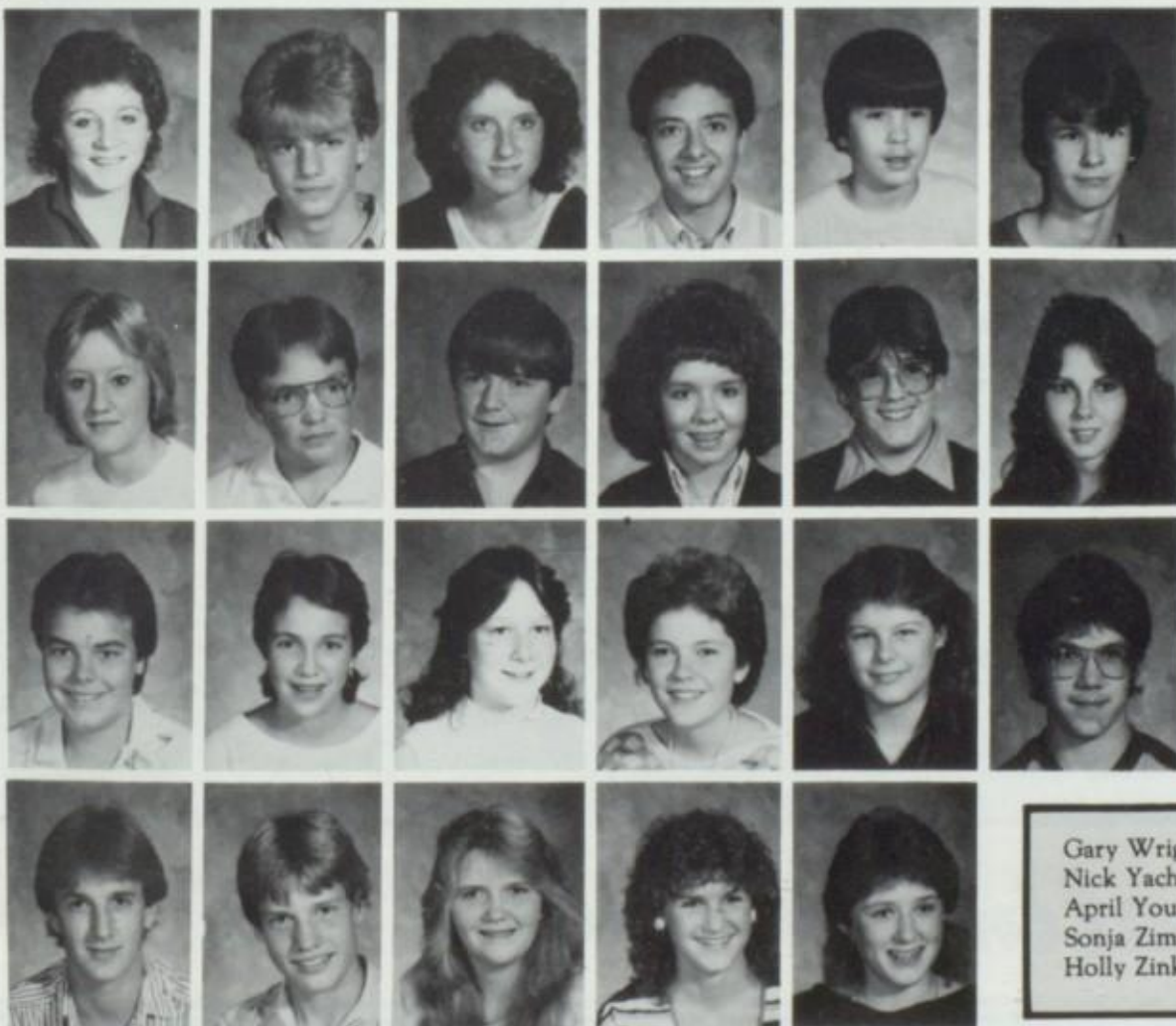
- a. Iran — Chris Keeling
- b. East Berlin — Teresa Howery
- c. Uganda — Shauna Francis

Answer: Canada

3. Name the site of the 1976 Republican National convention.

- a. Gun City, MO., Population 68 — Anthony Spangler
- b. Worlds of Fun — Michelle Gannett
- c. Waco, Texas — Ben Haas

Answer: Kansas City



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Robert William  
Cheri Williams  
Dwayne Williams  
Jack Williams  
J. D. Williams

Shelly Williams  
Wayne Williams  
Tommy Willis  
Brenda Williamson  
Mark Wilson  
Nicole Wilson

Matt Wilt  
Jennifer Wishon  
Amberlee Wolgamott  
Donna Womack  
Stephanie Woodruff  
Scott Wooten

Gary Wright  
Nick Yach  
April Yount  
Sonja Zimmerman  
Holly Zink



# Methods vary in getting grades

by Carolyn Gillmor

**F**or many at Truman, cheating is simply a way of life.

"I don't think there's hardly anyone who hasn't ever cheated," Lisa (not her real name) said.

"I cheat every once in awhile," Bill (not his real name) said. "Because I don't take time to do the homework or I don't understand something on the assignment."

Although many cheat, few seem to have been caught.

"I've never been caught," Lisa said. "A teacher saw me with a cheat sheet, but the test hadn't started so she just took it away and let me take the test without taking any points off."

"I got caught and the teacher said he was going to fail me for the quarter but I ended up getting an S+," Bill said.

Teachers agree that it is often hard to catch cheaters.

"I'm not naive," Doug Allen, Social Studies teacher, said. "I know there is cheating going on. I just try to limit it. There are certain conditions that make it really hard to stop cheating, like the number of students and the size of the class."

"I make up seating arrangements for test days and they have a great impact on cheating," Allen said.

"Usually at the beginning of the year I try to make the students aware of what will happen if they're caught," Sharon Thompson, English teacher, said. "Sometimes eye contact is enough to make them stop (cheating). To look at them and say 'I see what your doing.'"

However, there are students who don't cheat because they don't think it's right.

"I don't think it's fair to the people who don't cheat to have all those people cheating," Cheryl (not her real name) said. "I don't cheat because if I did, it wouldn't be my grade and I wouldn't feel right about that."

Methods of cheating vary from cheat sheets to paper airplanes with the answers written on them.

"I usually use a cheat sheet," Lisa said. "Once I used my arm and then I just pushed my sleeve up. Sometimes I just happen to see someone else's answers."

"I found a really elaborate system a couple of years ago," Allen said. "A few guys worked out hand signals at basketball practice. I caught them, but it was hard to tell."

"I suppose there is always somebody who's going to cheat on a test or something," Thompson said.

# Academics

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## *the cheating game*



### ACROSS

1. freshman English teacher
6. prepare for test
8. form of is and be
9. night before
10. first period or first \_\_\_\_\_
12. exams
14. abbrev. for medical doctor
15. short for advertisement
16. place to work on science experiment
17. first-hour class
18. short for hello
19. what might be done in a Foods
20. place to check out books



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### DOWN

1. look for information
2. past tense of have
3. half of a school year
4. what would be on every student's paper
5. A, B, C, D, or F
7. third person

10. studying at home
11. what is done with a book
13. instructor

15. present tense of were

(Answers on Page 258)



# Student Teacher Joins Morley

by Brian Ortiz

**M**arjorie Morley, Algebra II teacher, was the first math teacher in 14 years to have a student teacher.

To become a student teacher at Truman, Daniel Collins, Central Missouri University at Warrensburg, had to be approved by the university, LeRoy Brown and in this case Morley.

"Normally when accepting a student teacher you must think in terms of the department. Also, you must consider the field which the student teacher wants to study and who you have in that particular department — in this case math — that could provide the proper supervision and leadership that a student teacher requires," Brown said.

"The kids were a little reserved. After all, it was an adjustment for them and they felt slightly insecure because they were having their Algebra or Algebra II taught by a student teacher and not someone they know," Morley said. "But everyone has adjusted just fine."

"It's kind of confusing. You get used to the way that one teacher explains something and then the next day the other comes in and explains it differently," junior Sherry Danzo said, "but you get used to it. You kind of train your mind to be flexible."

Did the teachers ever notice any confusion in the classroom?

"Oh sure, but you have to expect a little of it," Collins said. "For example, we were working with military time in Algebra II. I explained how the work was done using military time."

"Right, but then I came in the next

day and read the answers in standard time. Since we gave two answers, the students thought something was wrong and some of them just stopped," Morley said, "but most of the time things balance."

"He's fit pretty good and both teachers seemed to know their stuff well," said Kenny Boone, junior.

"Because of its strong upper-level classes, the department was considered tops in the area, Sheri Adams, department chair, said:

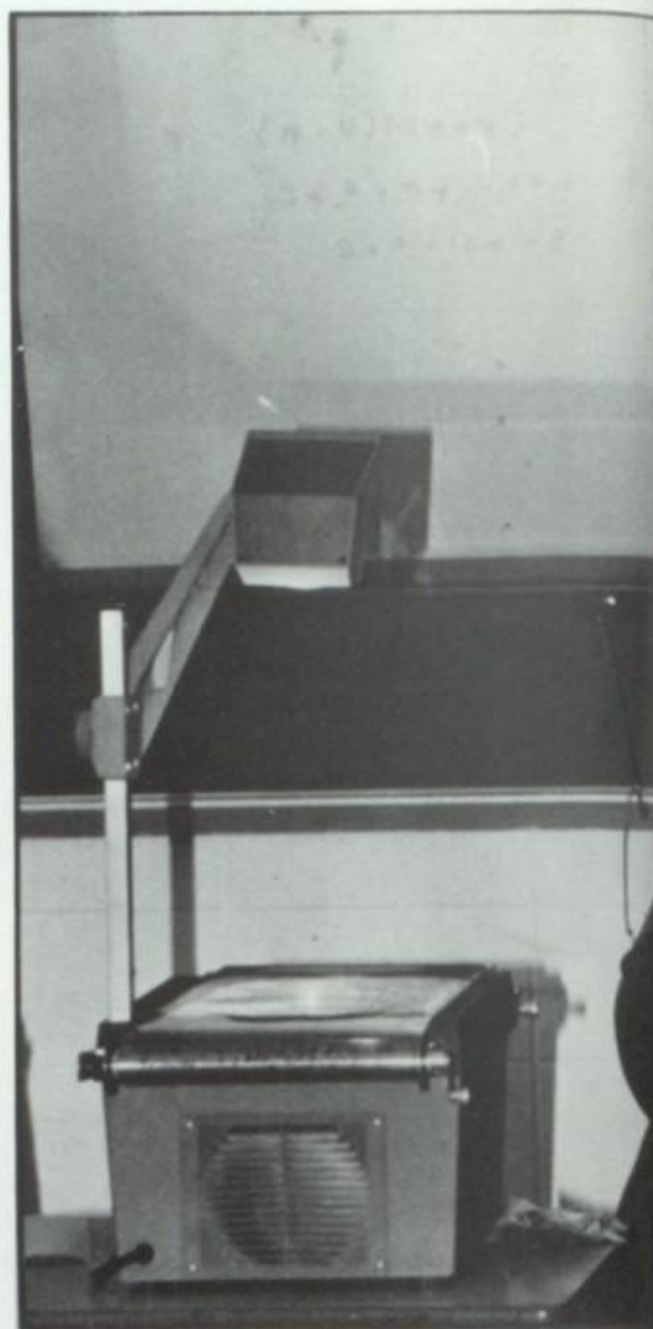
"The Math Department here is exceptionally strong. We are always very successful in all the math relays and tournaments we enter and our students rank among the highest at the UMKC Math Physics Institute."

"Our probability and statistics course is exceptional. We are among the few schools that even offer the course probably because of our strong college prep program. Our students need the advanced courses for their desired professions such as architecture, medicine, and science," Adams said.

"In reference to the other math departments I have observed I feel we have a more comprehensive program and great teachers. We have the type of students who want to make the most out of their academic careers," she added.

"Every year I am just amazed at the giftedness of the students in the upper-level math classes — I mean it really surprises me," Morley added.

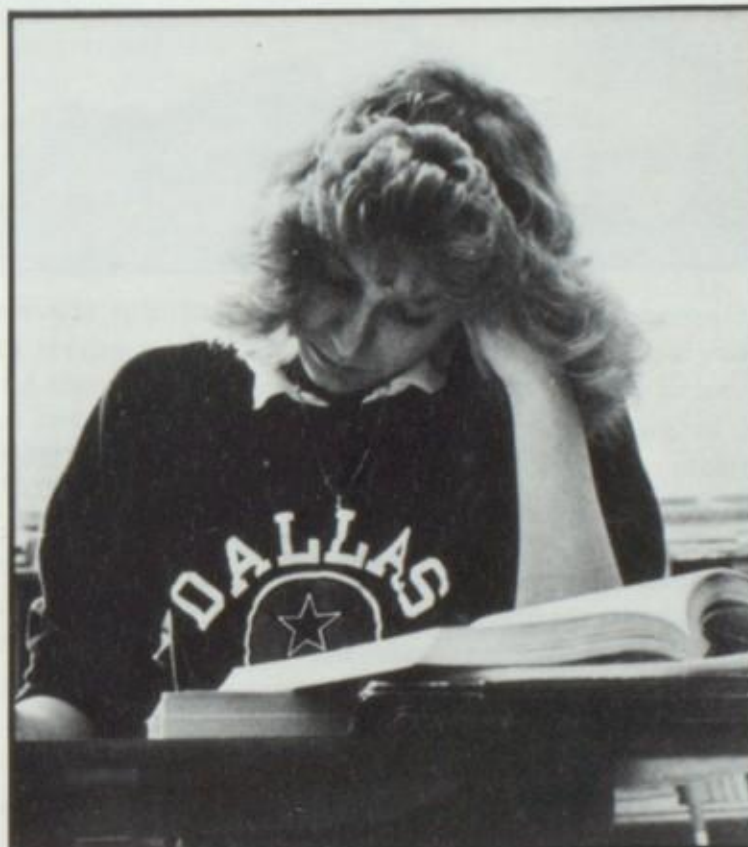
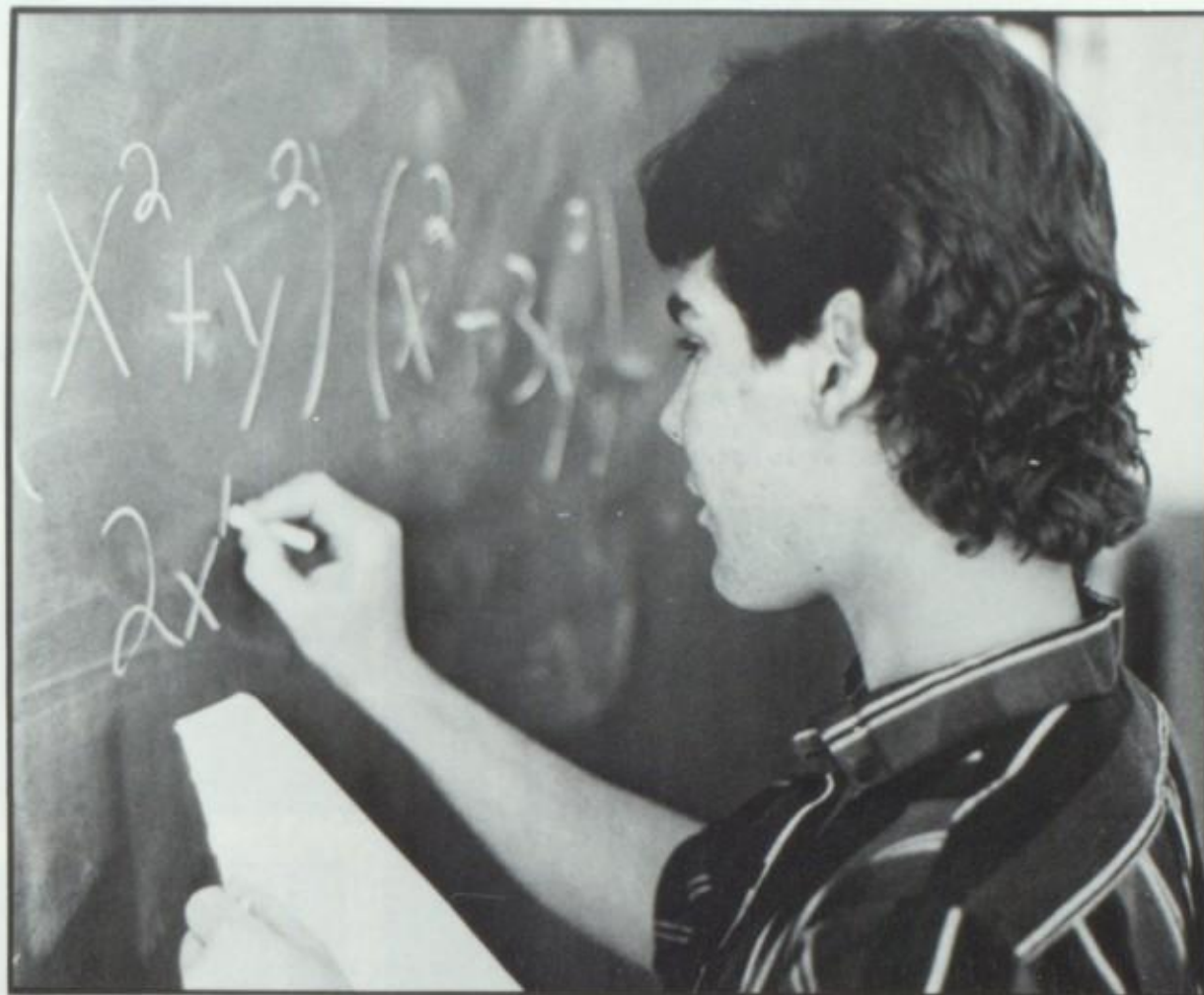
**Math**





The probability and statistics class requires a great deal of demonstration on the overhead projector by mathematics teacher Iris Gerhardt. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Junior Rob Jarvis gets the opportunity to demonstrate his math skills to the class. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)

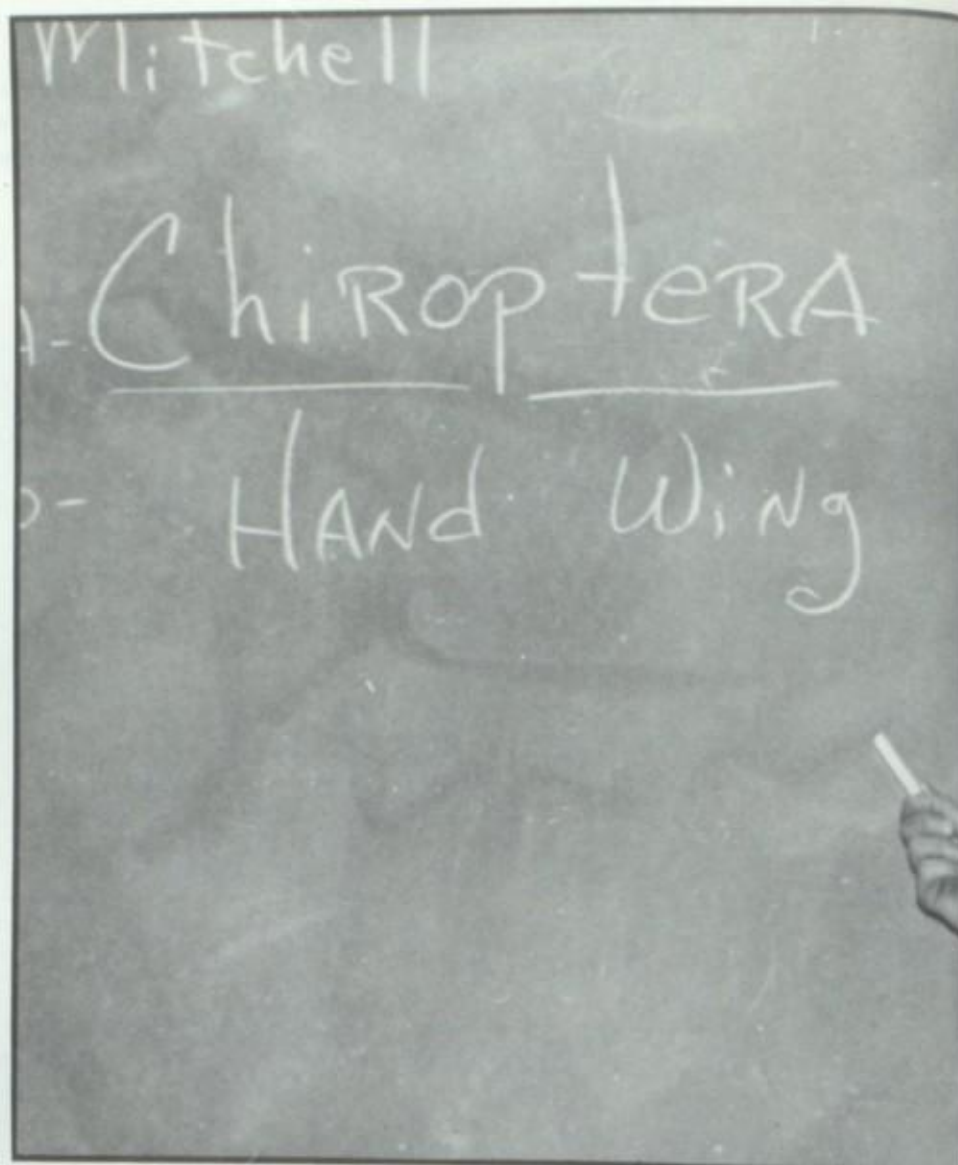


Being a successful math student requires concentration on the part of sophomore Katie Connors. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)

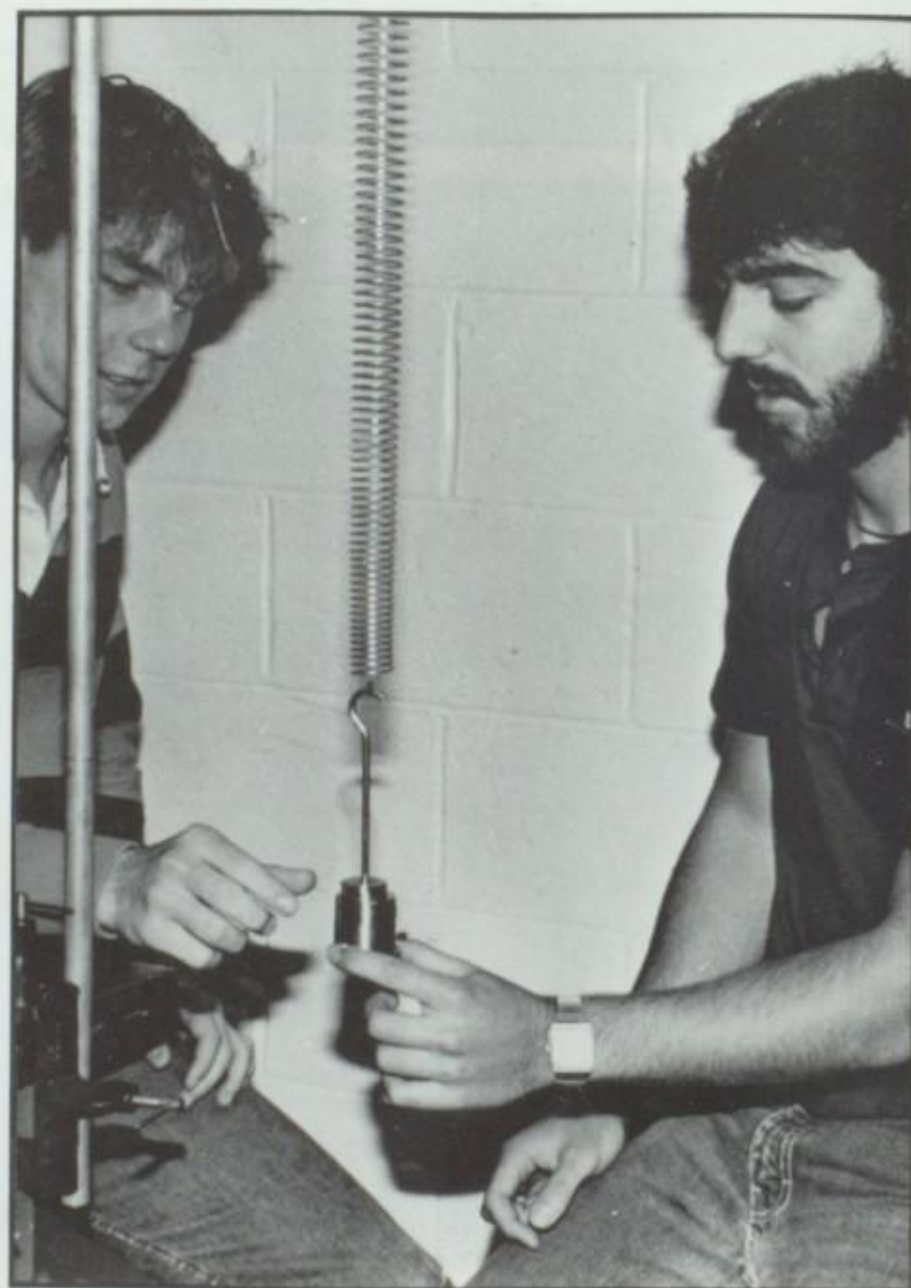
When practical geometry becomes trying, sophomore Melissa Cuezze asks mathematics teacher Bill Drinkwater. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)



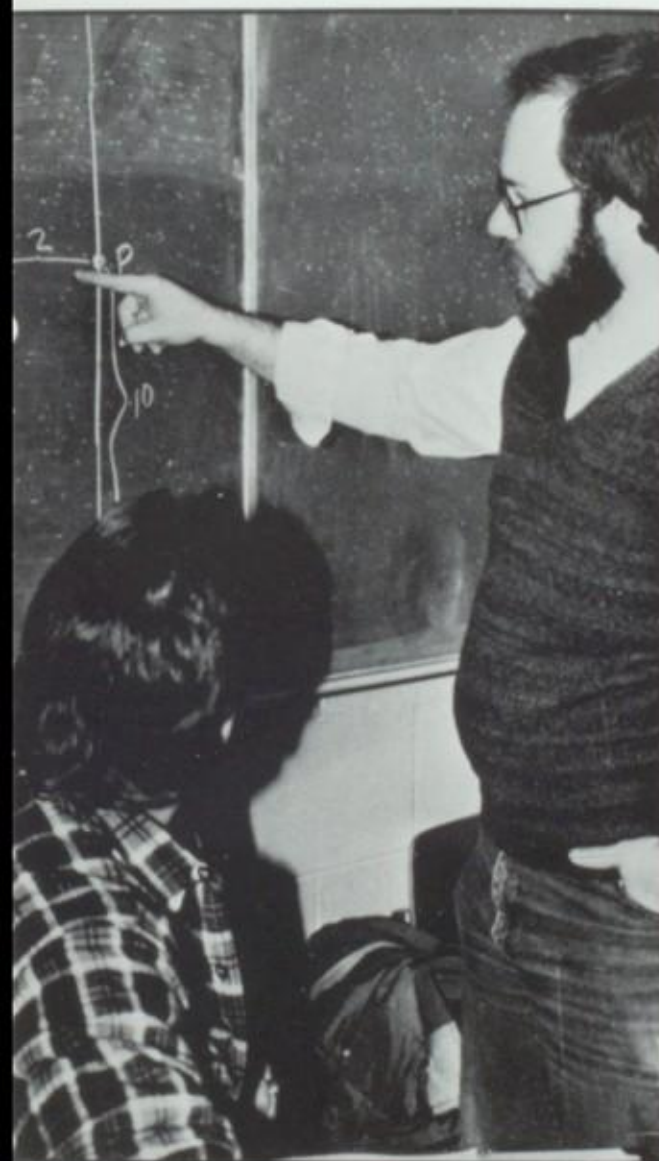
Every two weeks the institute brings in a speaker to give a demonstration or a speech to all the institute students on various subject. Dr. Henry Mitchell speaks on bats. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



On the weeks there are no speakers institute students have a two-hour lab day. During their lab C. J. Kroon and Sam Accurso carefully measure and observe their experiment. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)







Richard Delaware, Calculus I and II instructor, doesn't let the tutors do all the work during problem solving sessions. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

# Tutors Help After School

by Pat Allen

In only its second year of existence, the Math/Physics Institute at UMKC's Truman Campus made many changes over this past summer.

"After last year we had the faculty and students review the institute. Over the summer we developed a new schedule, made new rules and received a grant for tutoring this year," Richard Delaware, director of the Math portion of the Math/Physics Institute, said.

Last year's tutoring was informal and according to Delaware, not effective.

The system last year was tutoring only by the high school teachers who taught at the institute and there was no set schedule for tutoring.

"I did some tutoring last year, but not on a regular basis. A student who needed help would come to me and we would make arrangements to work on it," Sheri Adams, Calculus I instructor at the institute and head of the Math Department at Truman, said.

The problem with this system, as Teddy Lambson, Academic coordinator of the Institute, explained, was, "Bright students tend to be loners, work on their own and most don't ask the teachers to help them."

This year, however, the institute received a grant so they could pay four tutors to help the students during problem-solving sessions and on a scheduled night each week after school at

each high school.

The students were not required to attend the tutoring sessions. However, in certain instances they strongly urge them to attend.

"If a student makes a 'D' or below, they are expected to go to the tutoring sessions until they make better than a 'D' on a test," Lambson said.

Even with the new system, however, some students couldn't make it to the after school sessions.

To supplement this, Delaware came up with the idea of the students working in groups of three during problem-solving sessions:

"I like the group because instead of just one mind working on a problem you have three," senior Phil Kelsay said.

"I think they can learn as much from explaining problems to each other as they would if they were to ask a teacher," Adams said.

"Anytime a group of essential strangers get together it will take awhile before they feel comfortable enough that they don't worry about asking dumb questions and making mistakes in front of everyone," Lambson explained.

"It's going to help a whole lot because you help each other on problems and you get to know each other a lot better. I've made a few friends already," senior Carol Stevenson said.

**Math/Physics**



# Botony Makes Comeback

by Cam Larsen

**T**he reappearance of a Botany class at Truman this year came as the result of increased science requirements.

"I'm just taking the class to complete my science credits," senior Terri Irwin said.

"I didn't know what to expect in the class; I just need the credit," junior Marcia Schwartz said.

"Most of the students in the class need the course to receive credit for college," teacher Cindy Wilkinson said.

Although some just needed the credit, others in the class enjoyed Botany (the study of plant classification and function):

"I like science, and it was the only one (class) I hadn't taken. It has a lot to do with the career field I'm going into," Rochelle Kasten said.

"I took Biology and I like working with the plants," sophomore Alissa Bonadonna said.

During the year, students performed labs and studied the classification of plants:

"In the beginning there is a lot of microscope work. The students gather their own algae and moss for experiments. Near the end of the semester they grow a plant," Wilkinson said.

Students' favorite parts of the class varied, however.

"The life cycles were the most interesting and the hardest. We learned how

the plants reproduce," Rochelle said.

"The relationships between plants and man interested me," senior Sean Nunn said.

"The chromatography labs where we took pigments out of leaves were fun," Alissa said.

Since the course was weighted, the classes and the material covered were challenging, students said:

"I thought it would be easy, but it's really hard and there's lots of labs," Sean said.

"The information isn't easy and labs are difficult," Wilkinson said. "Some things like the life cycle of fungi are just hard," she added.

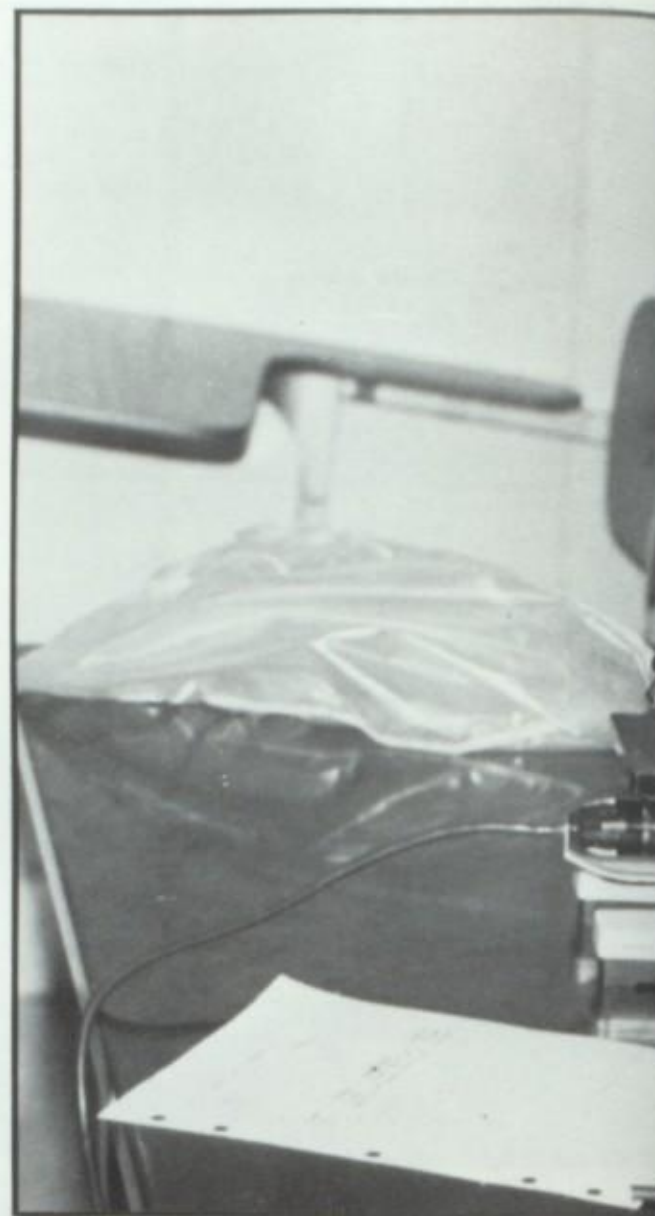
"It's hard if you don't like the class, but since I'm interested it's easier to understand," Alissa said.

To overcome the difficulties of the course, Wilkinson offered her students the chance to acquire extra information at their request to help them gain a better understanding of the class material.

"Sometimes we'll ask for an additional lab, and she'll let us do one," Marcia said.

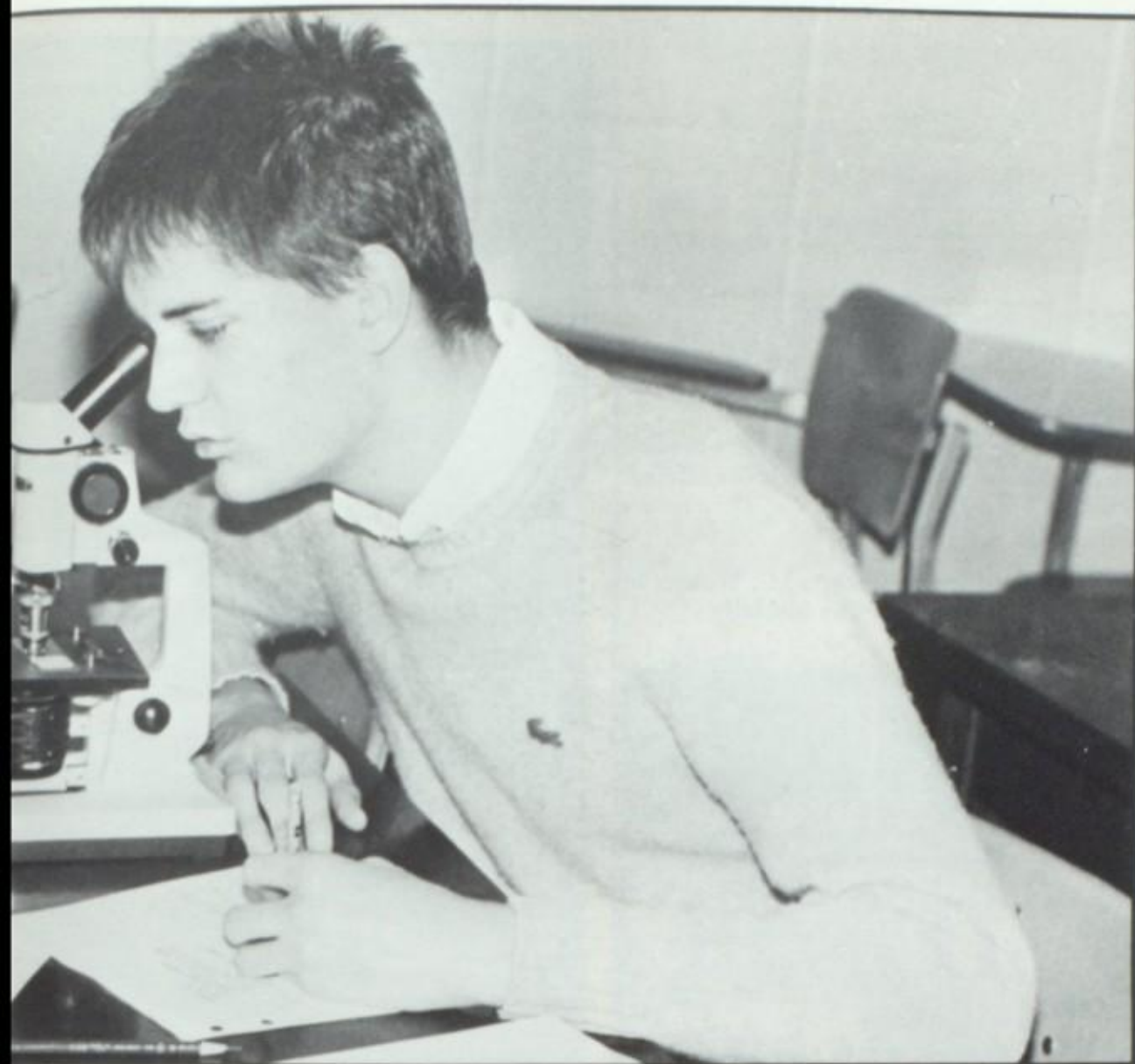
"If they want a lecture or a lab, they'll tell me or they will ask for what they need to know," Wilkinson said. "Botany is a real science; it takes lots of time and study."

Science



A chart of the corn plant helps senior Terri Irwin identify plant anatomy. (Photo by Greg Carr)

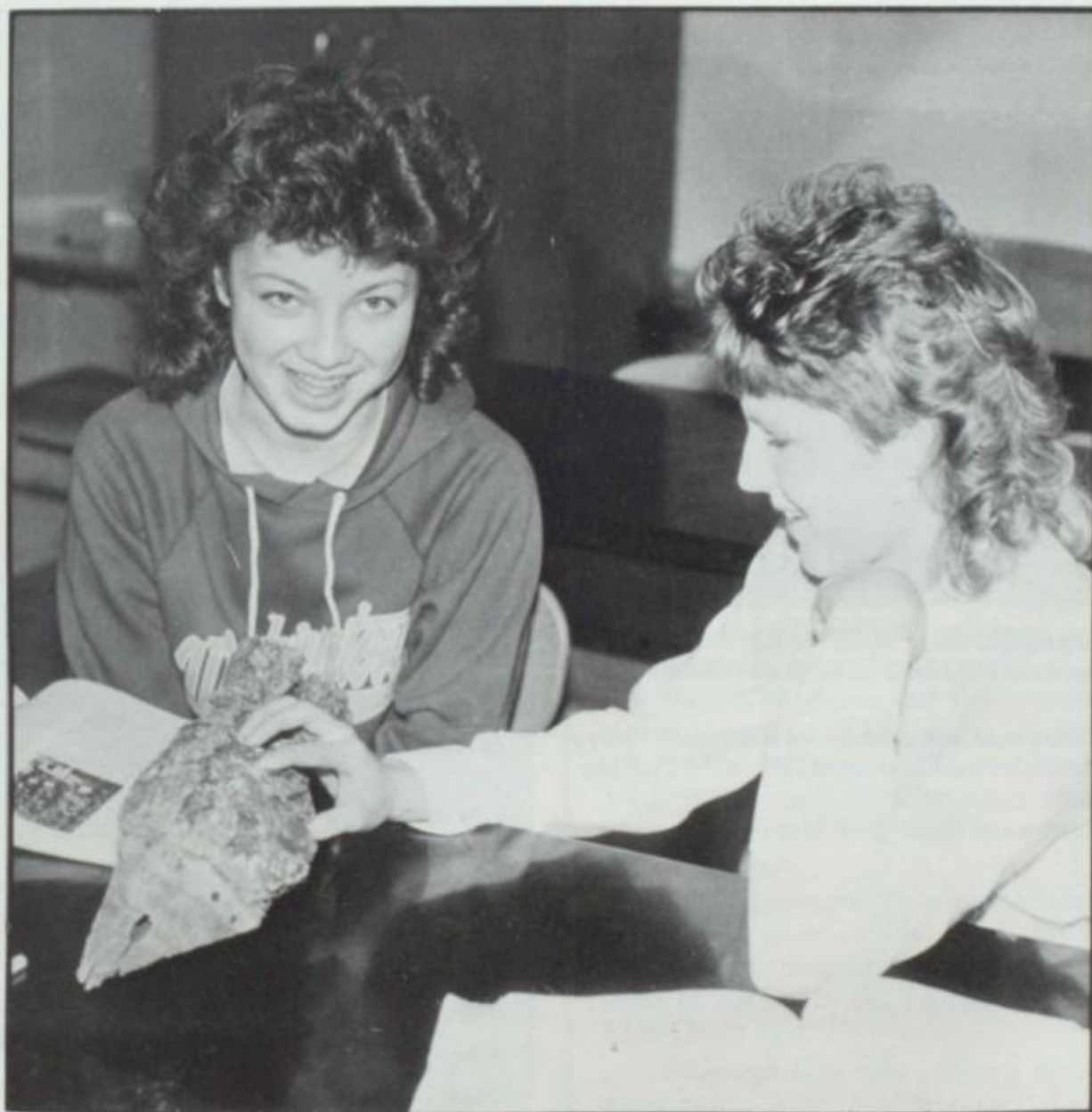




With the aid of a microscope, senior Sean Nunn examines the development of celery-root hairs. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Comparing specimen is a major part of Botany labs for sophomore Alissa Bonadonna. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Juniors Susan Parker and Marcia Schwartz examine a lichen during a plant identification lab. (Photo by Greg Carr)



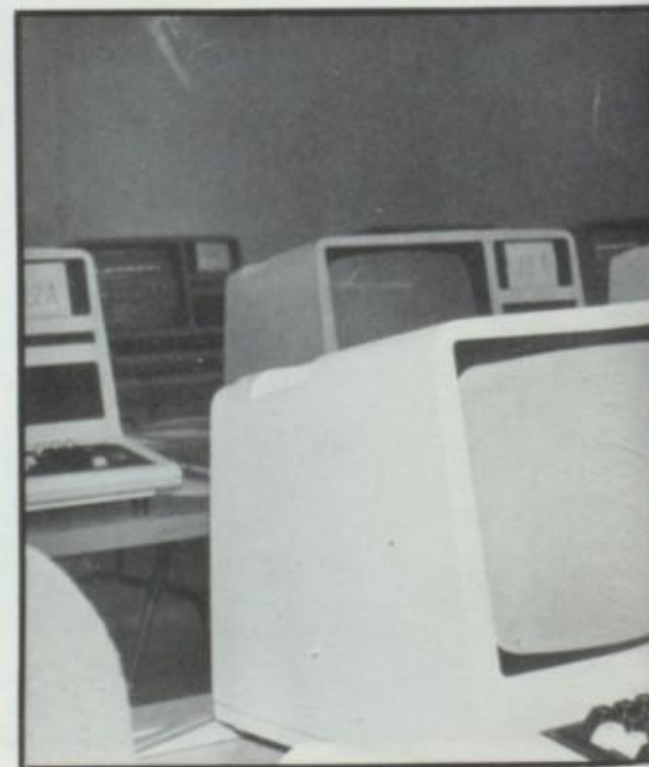
Students better their education, plus prepare for future jobs in the computer classes offered. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

Large computer screen helps teacher, J.C. Waters, in giving class instructions. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

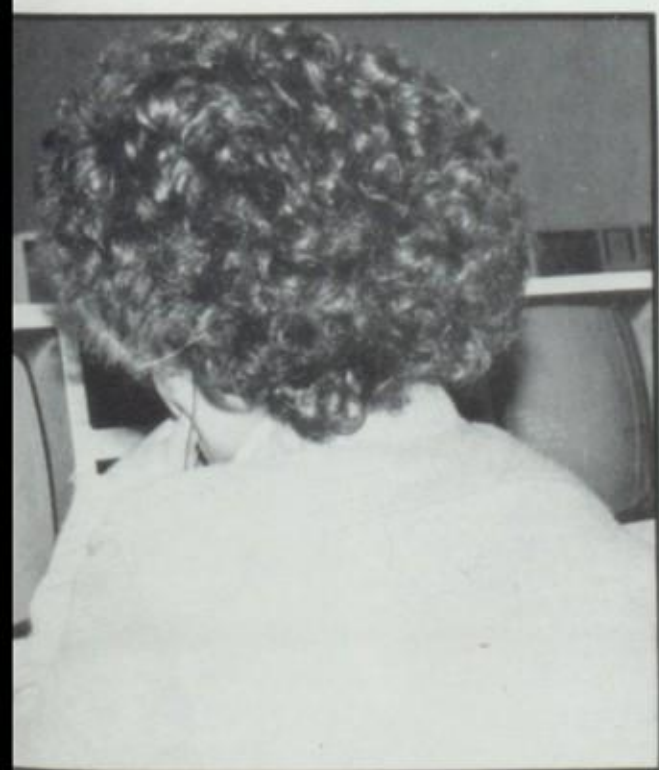


Slightly confused, senior Missy Young, and classmates receive directions from teacher. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

Computer assignment causes junior Sherry Kendall, slight hesitation. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)







# Computers Train Students

by Tonya Hainen

Students said they found experience from computer classes helpful, when looking toward future careers.

"Computers are becoming major components of the future, they are used in everything," J. C. Waters, Computer teacher, said.

Students began to realize how important computers are in the working world. Therefore, many said they took advantage of the computer classes to gain experience:

"I think no matter what career I choose, it will probably involve computers, because almost all vocations use them," senior Missy Young said.

Intro Computers and Basic Computers were two of the major courses offered to students, each a semester long. Intro familiarized students with the computer and Basic dealt more with programming.

"Having computer classes in school is great. It gives us (the students) a chance to get some experience and know what to expect in the future," junior Rich Green said.

Although they may not be a computer whiz, most students said they accomplished something and are better

prepared because of the classes:

"You can't learn everything about computers in one year, but the experience is good especially for college and the future," Missy said.

Computers performed many different functions, but word processing and data processing were the two major ones:

"Word processing and data processing are done on computers by software. Yet, they differ in that word processing you develop text, and in data processing you multiply data," Waters said.

Many high school students said they have looked ahead and foreseen the major role computers will play in their lives:

"I thought if I took the class it would help me get into graphics and construction," freshman Greg Blaue said.

Besides math to art designs, writing also played an important part:

"The single most important thing students benefit from the class is the experience of using word processing," Waters said.

**Computers**



# Awareness Becomes Focus

by Cynthia Savage

**T**hrough research and class discussions, Sociology students became aware of the many problems in the world and the difficulties in solving them.

Unlike many history classes, an emphasis was placed on current events.

"Every day we discuss the news — not just local, but world-wide. It makes me more aware of what's going on," senior Cara Hawks said.

In addition to learning other people's views on certain issues, students were allowed to express their own opinions.

"We get together in a circle and debate certain topics," senior Michael Folsom said.

"With Mrs. Kalhorn you learn how to think on your own," senior Jennifer Couzens said. "She'll ask your opinion on something and to tell why. It makes you think about what's going on and what you really believe."

By writing a survey paper on education — an issue today which affects students — students gained a better understanding of the problems in education and the processes used in solving them. First they had to find the problem and its cause and then they had to come up with possible solutions.

Some of the problems studied included the need for good teachers, the quality of textbooks, student apathy and why students skip classes.

Teacher Rhea Kalhorn helped students with their research.

"We use primarily periodicals and lots of currents. I make a vertical file and clip articles," she said.

After looking at all the angles, students discovered that problems cannot

always be resolved simply because many answers can create new problems.

"It's harder than I thought it would be. The solution is the hardest. No answer is right. There is always something wrong about it," senior Jeff Carnoali said.

"Lots of solutions work part of the time but not all of the time. A lot of solutions are not fair to everyone," Jennifer said.

The assignment also helped students realize the importance of finding the problems so that a solution can be found.

"There are problems out there that we don't know about and if we just let them go we may not find an answer and our children may not get a better education," senior Michael Folsom said.

"I always hope that students go out of class with a greater ability to think and analyze. I don't want people to think that there are easy answers to problems," Kalhorn said. "I think we tend to oversimplify."

Students agreed that they will be better-prepared for the future by having this class.

"I think it will probably help me understand more what's going on," Jeff said.

"If I know what's going on in the world, then I'll be able to help myself instead of assuming that the government or other people are going to help me," Michael said.

"I guess the purpose of everything I teach is an awareness," Kalhorn concluded.

**Sociology**







Searching for facts for their reports, juniors Kim Rogers and John Fields use many different currents. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)

Students are given classtime to do some research. Junior Melanie Beaver concentrates on finding information on her subject. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)



In addition to periodicals, books aid senior Sverker Domar in researching crime. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)

Discussing material and debating issues are routine parts of the class as demonstrated by seniors Jeff Koehly and Jennifer Couzens. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)

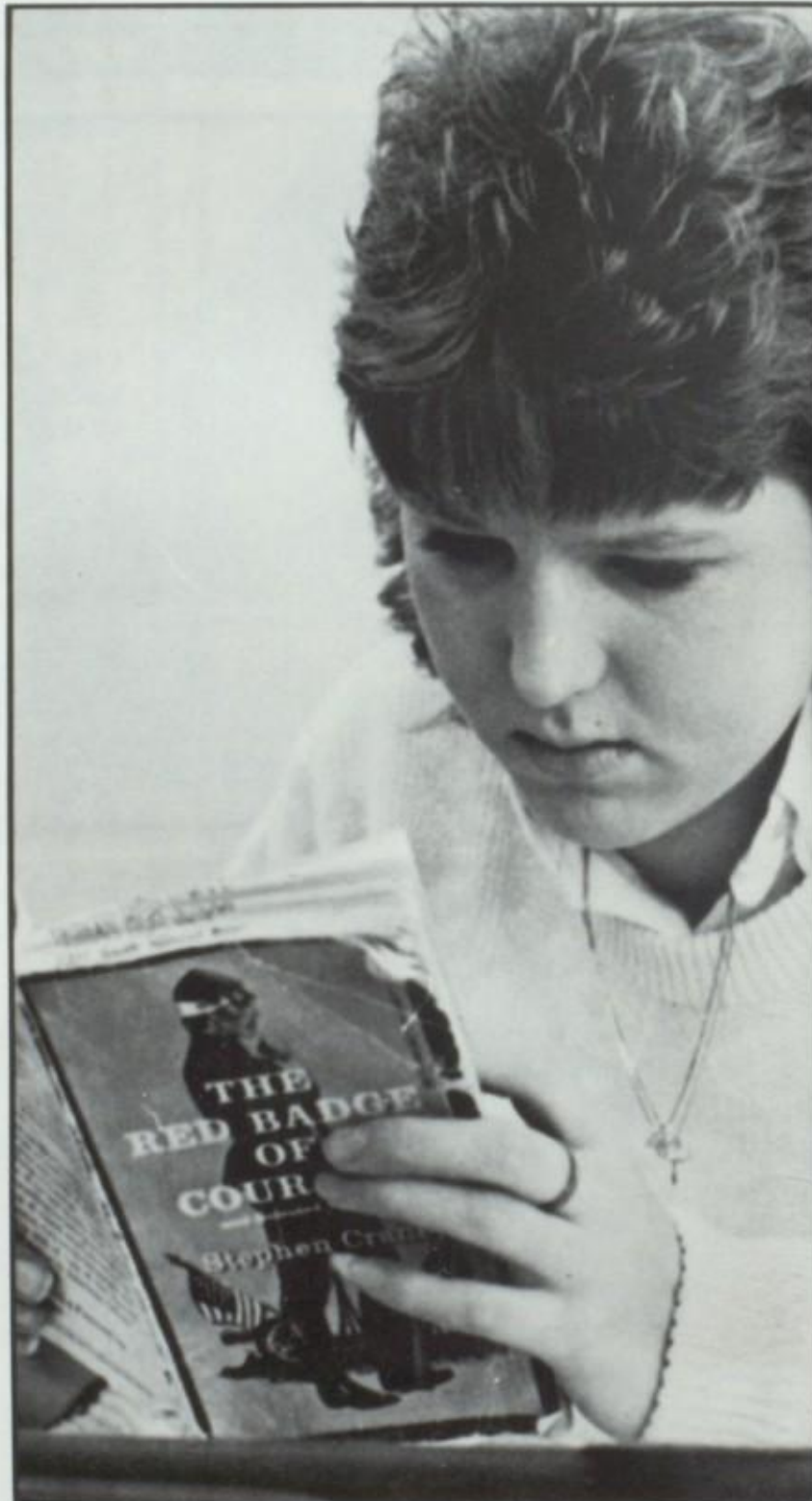


CPE students listen attentively to tapes while reading along with "Hamlet." (Photo by Beth Bundschu)



Mrs. Barnett, American Literature and Composition teacher, gives points while reviewing "The Red Badge of Courage." (Photo by Beth Bundschu)

"The Red Badge of Courage" is one of the many books that junior Susan Parker reads in American Literature and Composition. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)







# Class Prepares For CPE

by Beth Jones

**W**riting essays, reading novels, and using college prep vocabulary helped American Literature and Composition students prepare for College Prep English.

"Writing all those essays is what helped me in American Lit and Comp," senior Carrie Gutekunst said.

"I had Mrs. Griffith. She was an excellent teacher on compositions and the structure of compositions," senior Jeff Passantino said.

American Literature and Composition, a college preparatory English course designed for juniors and seniors, was prerequisite for the College Prep English course.

"It teaches you writing skills, and how to organize a composition," teacher Nancy Ziegenhorn said. "They (students) learn the basic five-paragraph form, which is the basis of a research paper, and the reading in Am. Lit. introduces the student to a little harder reading material. It's mainly basic study habits, but it's just a harder class."

Even though American Literature and Composition was the basics of the College Prep English class, most students agreed that it is important to have.

"They (teachers) teach you so

much and if I wouldn't have taken it, I don't think I would have been able to handle CPE," Jeff said.

I wouldn't have any idea how to write a paper if I wouldn't have taken American Lit.," senior Shelley Vaughn said.

Ziegenhorn said she also felt strongly about students taking American Literature and Composition.

"American Lit. and Comp. is like a college class and if you don't take it as a junior, you should take it as a senior," she said.

The College Prep English class was basically a continuation of American Literature and Composition. However, the College Prep English class went into more depth:

"They (Am. Lit. and Com. and CPE) do different things, but yes, they're using the same skills, and the CPE class does this research paper, which is long-involved," Zeigenhorn said.

Jeff described the purposes of the two classes: "College Prep English is just a higher class of American Lit and Comp."

**English**



# Language Enrollment Grows

by Carolyn Gillmor

**F**oreign Language has become a growing part of total education, and enrollment increased in those classes this year.

"I think more and more students are taking some type of a foreign language for college requirements and career plans," Casilda Rice, Spanish teacher, said. "It has become a kind of trend. For a while students just weren't taking foreign languages and now my classes are really full, big classes."

"German is not considered one of the glamor languages," Pete Hile, German teacher, said. "Once in a while something becomes 'in' and then it gets popular. I don't think German falls under that category. This year there has been an increase, though. I'm teaching an extra hour. It's probably because of the zero hour. It enables the students to take something they wouldn't ordinarily have room for."

Although Truman itself didn't require any foreign language credits for graduation, many area colleges emphasized the need for at least two credits of a foreign language and it is a requirement of the State of Missouri College Recommendation Certificate to have three credits of a foreign language.

"I think a multi-lingual person is someone who will have more opportunities," Hile said. "They might get offered more jobs and they will be glamorous jobs because they are multi-lingual."

"I took Spanish because I thought it would be interesting to learn another language, good experience," senior Tim Mitchell said. "Also I needed it for college entrance requirements."

For some students, college wasn't the only reason for learning a foreign language.

"You can tell the students who are there because they're interested," Rice said. "They are more involved; they

aren't quite as impatient and they don't show boredom. The ones who are just searching for some credit are not as much into it."

"I think learning a foreign language is neat because now I can talk to my friends and people around us don't have any idea what we're saying," senior Traci Ince, French student, said.

By learning a foreign language, many said they will be able to get further ahead by being able to communicate with another part of the world.

"It is important to have a foreign language because the other countries that require one or more languages are more progressive," Hile said. "By knowing the language of a country, you have a better understanding of the way it is."

"It's arrogant to think that English is the only language. I think everyone should learn another language," senior Chad Leabo, French student, said. "Plus it's a way to learn about different cultures."

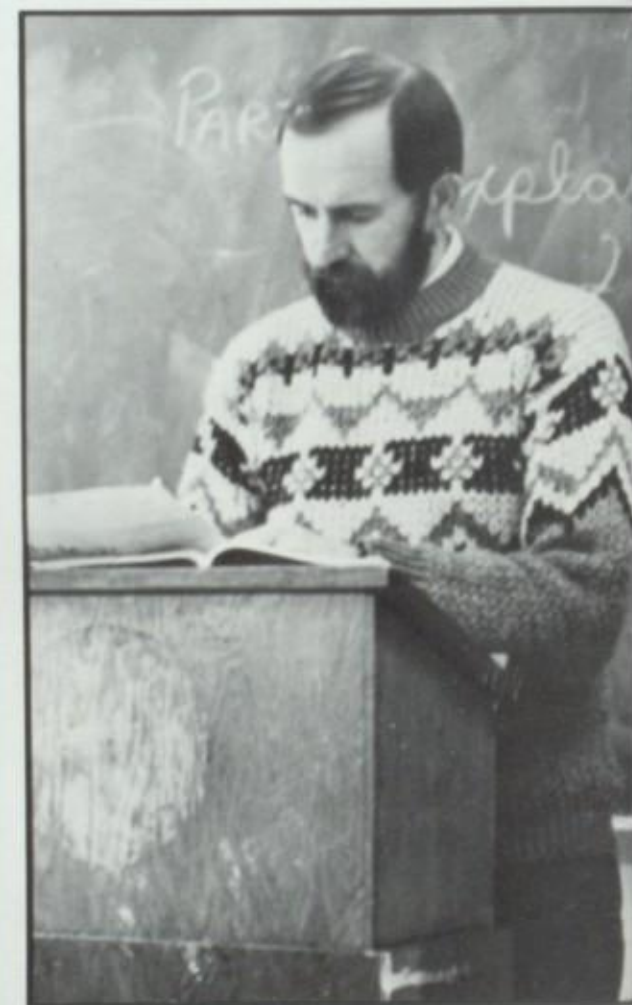
Three foreign languages were offered at Truman: Spanish, French and German with up to three years of German and four years of Spanish and French.

"My first-year classes are always really big and by the time we get to the more advanced classes, the less serious students have been weeded out," Rice said.

"I took German because I wanted to learn to read and write it. My grandma lives over there and when we go over there I wanted to be able to carry on a conversation," junior Jenny Luetkemeyer said.

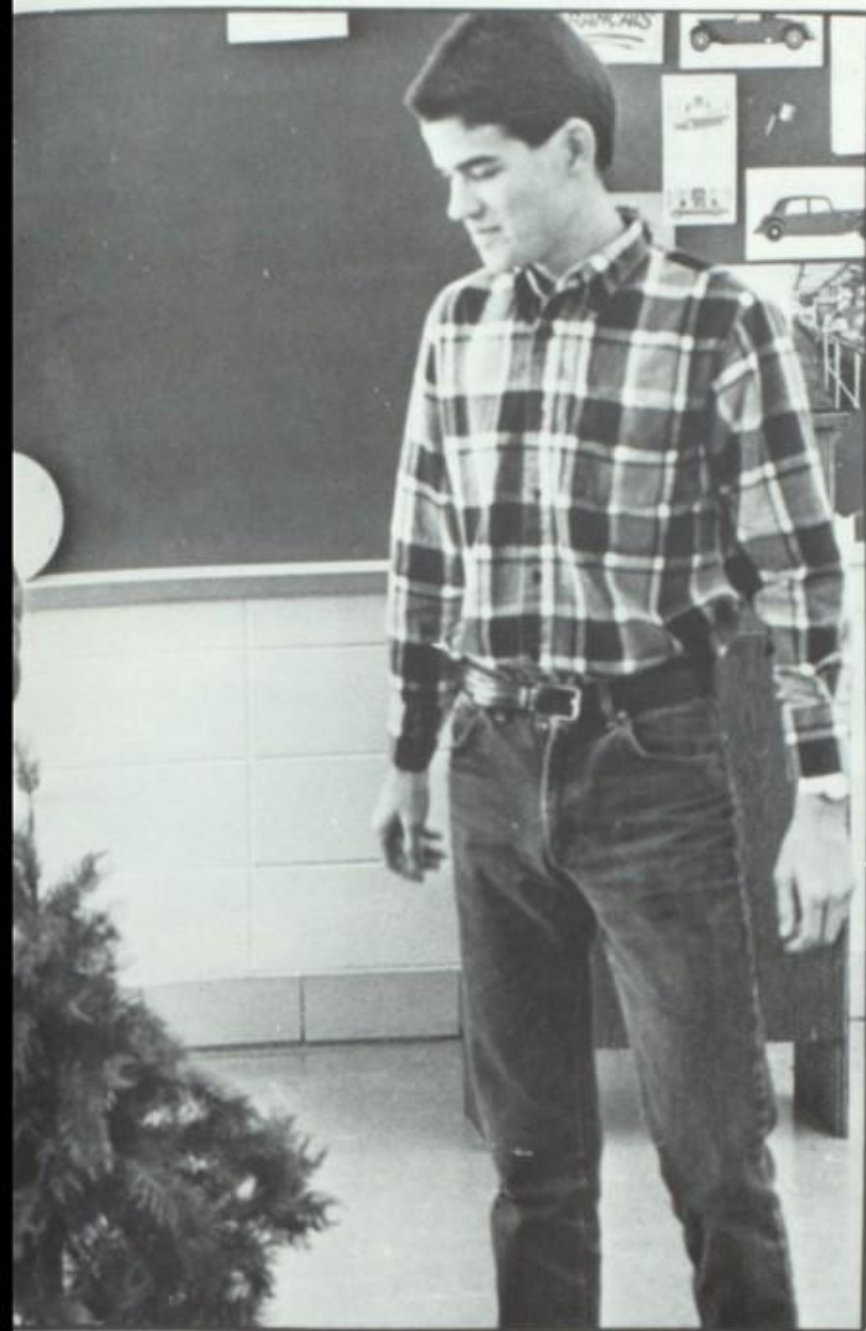
"It's interesting and I think it will help me later on," senior Mary McCormick, Spanish student, said.

## Foreign Language



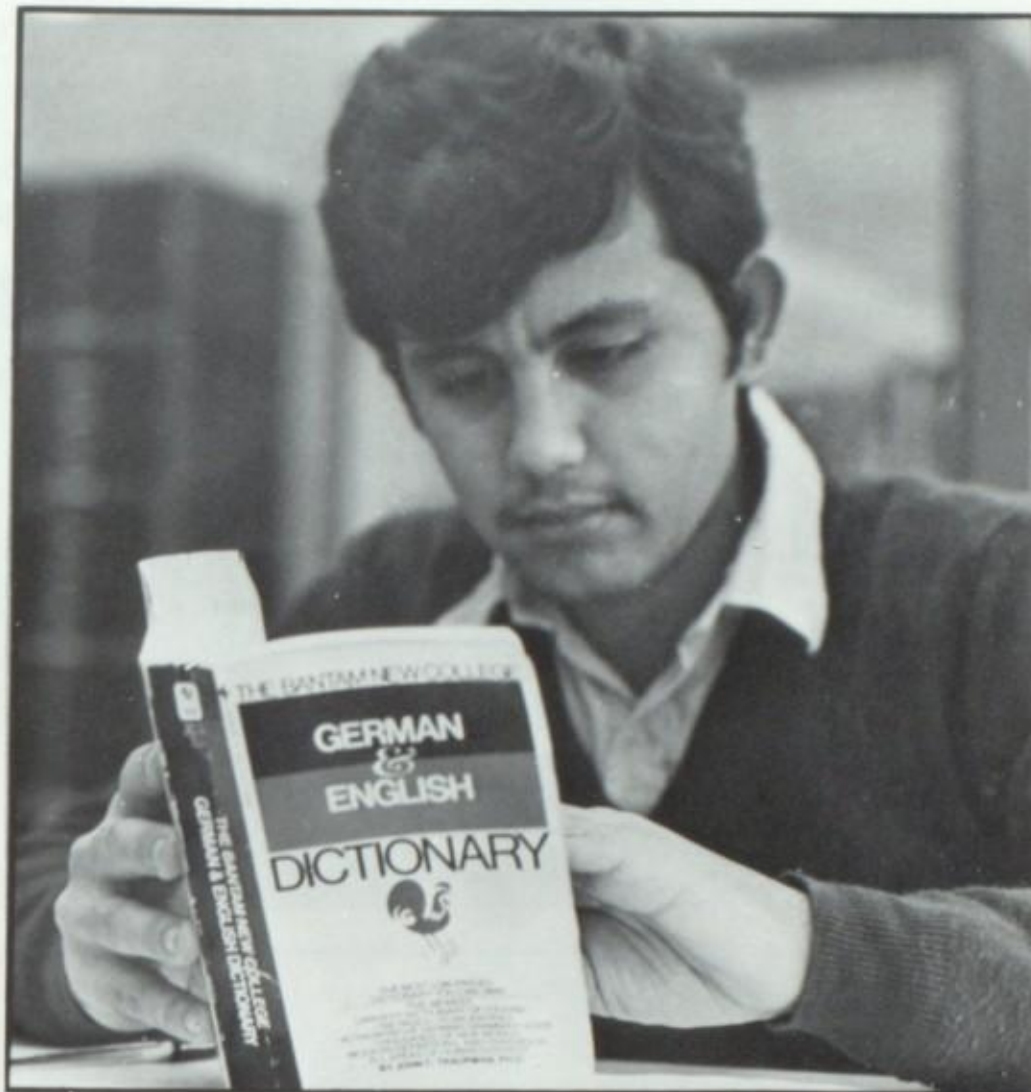
Pete Hile, German teacher, checks his notes while preparing to give a test. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)





Practicing a Christmas play helps senior Melissa Madewell, sophomore Heather Lewis and junior Brett Gordon learn their French. (Photo by David DeWalt)

Senior Izzet Izgi, foreign exchange student, uses a German dictionary to improve his speaking skills. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)



Sophomore Michelle Bingaman and seniors Jennifer Couzens, Amy Patterson and Mary McCormick sing Spanish Christmas carols in class. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)



Photographer Debbie Shaft and Beth Bundschu, photography editor, discuss which pictures should be used. (Photo by Greg Carr)

Cynthia Savage, managing editor, and Cam Larsen, copy editor, look over stories for the yearbook. (Photo by Greg Carr)



**Front Row:** Chris Lovell, photographer; Hollie Glass, index editor; Carolyn Gillmor, academics editor; Shannon Calohan, portraits editor; Susan Appleberry, graphics editor; Cam Larsen, copy editor; Mary Kackley, lifestyles editor; Greg Carr, head photographer. **Back Row:** Beth

Bundschu, photography editor; Brian Orteiz, business manager; Cynthia Savage, managing editor; Beth Jones, portraits editor; Pat Allen, editor-in-chief; Brent Herrick, sports editor; Tonya Hainen, clubs editor; Tim Mitchell, photographer; Debbie Shaft, photographer; Angie Proctor, photographer. (Photo by Al Hunter)





Pat Allen, editor-in-chief, uses the new computers in the Publications Department to write his stories. (Photo by Greg Carr)

# Small Staff Handles Work Load

by Carolyn Gillmor

A smaller-than-usual-sized staff and an involved group made this year's yearbook staff work extra hard to handle the work load.

"It's small in size, but we all seem to work together as one to get the job done," Beth Jones, portraits editor, said. "Sometimes a big staff gets in each others way. This way we help one another."

Staff members, led by editor-in-chief Pat Allen, had to take more than one section of the yearbook to get things done.

"There really isn't any problem; we aren't the first small staff," Pat said. "We just have to double up on some parts and work extra hard."

Another problem faced by this year's staff was a lack of time.

"It's hard because everyone is really involved and they seem to have a hard time trying to find time to work on the yearbook," Pat said.

"The yearbook and newspaper are a lot more work than people have any idea," Susan Appleberry, graphics editor, said.

"A lot of people have other responsibilities and belong to other clubs," Susan said. "When every club wants to be the first priority you just can't devote 100 percent to everything. You just don't have the time."

As deadlines drew near, the hours at school got longer and several Satur-

days were spent getting everything together.

"It's necessary to stay after because you just can't get things done in one hour every day," Shannon Calohan, portraits editor, said. "The things we do take so long. You have to write the story, get it to the printer, get picture ideas and get them taken. Then you have to draw layouts and write cutlines and headlines and get everything to fit together."

This year's book has done more with graphics and lines instead of art work.

"I think this book is a big contrast to last year's," Susan said. "It was more artistic. We've done more with lines and design rather than drawing and painting. That's really what you have to do when there's not someone like Rick Farley every year."

The theme of the book, "Games People Play," was chosen to emphasize all of the different activities students do and participate in. It includes all of the different kinds of students at Truman, not just a few selected ones.

"We tried not to make it one-sided," Shannon said. "We want it to be for everyone, not just the popular ones or the smart ones. We tried our best to make it a book that everyone can enjoy."

**Publications**



# 'Spirit' Staff Survives Long Hours

by Susan Appleberry

**H**ard work and long hours were familiar to the "Spirit" staff. "Most people don't have any idea how much work goes into the paper. Most think you just write a story. It's a lot of hard work and extra hours," senior Stacy Strickland, advertising editor, said.

"I don't think people realize that there's copy editing, layout and rewrites. They think you just write a story and it comes out in the paper," senior Jenny Hodson, copy editor, said.

Putting together the paper was more than just writing a story.

Story ideas are thought of, then stories are assigned. Stories are written, copy edited and rewritten. After the story is typeset at the printer, layouts are done and headlines are written.

"Two of the hardest parts are meeting deadlines and coming up with interesting story ideas," senior Diane Battor, sports co-editor, said.

"It's so time-consuming. It takes us two weeks to put out a paper. I don't

see how it can be done every day," Stacy said.

"There's so much responsibility. Some people are in charge of certain pages. If they don't get the job done no one else is going to do it," senior Brendan Shepherd, editor-in-chief, said. "It's so unlike any other extracurricular activity. There is nothing on this scale; this is huge."

"The hard work pays off. People don't know who wrote every headline or who copy edited each story, but I know. I feel proud even if everyone else doesn't know," Jenny said.

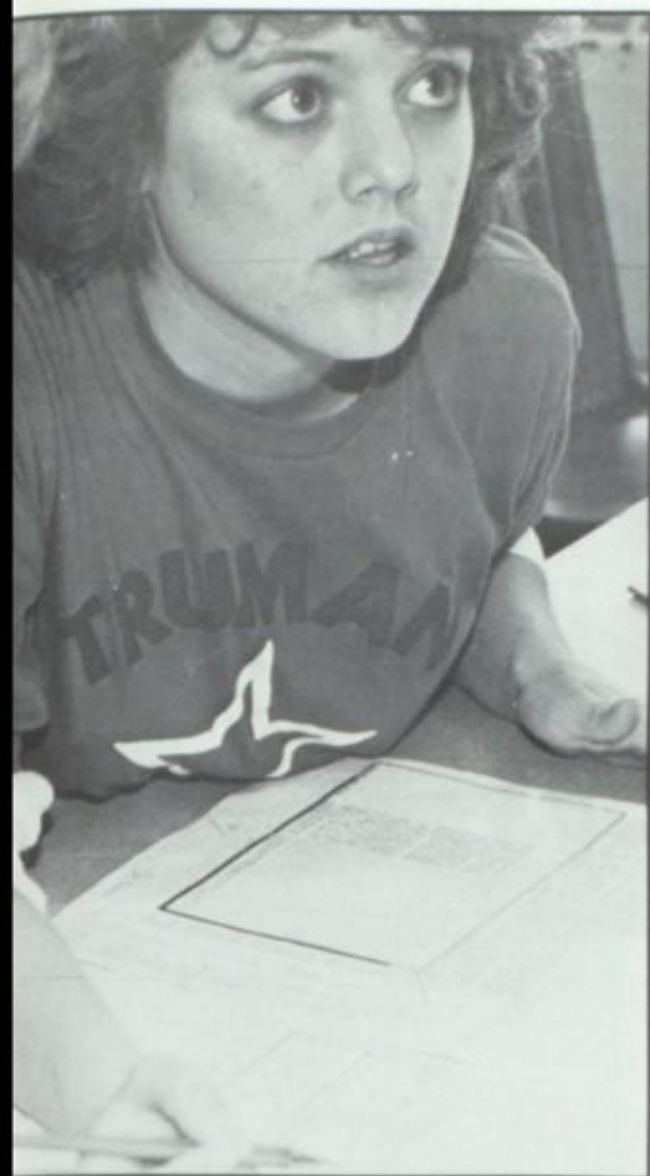
"You know on Mondays every other week if it's worth the time. You see everyone walking around with the paper. You feel good when you hear people talking about the stories. By sixth hour the papers may be in the trash and by Tuesday people don't care anymore, but it's still worth it," Brendan said.

**Journalism**



Copyediting is part of the last minute jobs for Peggy Cordle and Jenny Hodson. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)





Darcy Case, managing editor, and Melissa Madewell, features editor, work together to develop new design techniques. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Running staff meetings is only part of Brendan Shepherd's job as editor-in-chief. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



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Hodson, copy editor; Darcy Case, managing editor; Jeff Stockwell, associate editor. **Third Row:** Doug Day, photographer; Paul LeVota, news editor. **Last Row:** Melanie Foudree, photography editor. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



**Junior Brett Gordon** organizes his materials for easy reference.  
(Photo by Debbie Shaft)

As part of the **Independence Winter Classic Tournament** hosted by Truman, freshman **Mike Franciskato** keeps time. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Going over her evidence, senior **Melissa Madewell** prepares for an upcoming debate.  
(Photo by Debbie Shaft)

**Coach Mike Jeffers** takes time out from giving notes to answer question. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



In **Advanced Forensics** senior **Angy Webb** comforts senior **Jeff Stockwell** at the conclusion of their duet, "The Shadow Box." (Photo by Debbie Shaft)







# Changes Make Them Better

by Cynthia Savage

**C**hanges in the Forensics and Debate department made beneficial classes even better.

This year Mike Jeffers, Forensics and Debate coach, started a recruitment program at the junior high level. He recruited students by checking academic records and by asking for recommendations from English teachers.

"We've doubled our squad in one year which is good," Jeffers said.

He explained that the increased enrollment gave the squad a more well-balanced talent.

"It used to be in the past that at tournaments half the squad would do well and half would do bad."

According to Jeffers, the program worked really well because it not only increased the size of the squad, but the quality of it as well.

"We have a lot of outstanding novices. I see a lot better quality student. It kind of helps the team to know that their teachers thought they could handle it."

Another change Jeffers made was the separation of Debate I and Forensics II, once combined, into two classes because of their diverse content.

Senior Jeff Stockwell explained the advantage of having the classes separate:

"Before, Mr. Jeffers could only spend half a week with us. This way it is more of a concentrated effort."

Although the advanced classes were separated, Jeffers continued in the process of splitting Debate I and Forensics I into separate classes. He explained the differences in the classes.

"Forensics is more of a performance class. It is the study of individual events such as oratory and extemporaneous speaking," Jeffers said. "Debate is more skills oriented. It requires more homework."

"The skills they learn — logical thinking, research and how to put

thoughts into words — can be used in college. They are life skills. Debate teaches you to think logically about issues," Jeffers said.

Junior Brett Gordon explained: "You have to build an offensive case that supports the resolutions and at the same time build a negative."

But students said that the benefits of Debate go beyond organizational skills and help them as individuals.

"It helps me so I get used to getting up in front of people," junior Sherrie Fann said.

"You learn how to talk in front of people. It helps you express yourself better because you've had to do it in front of judges," junior Dean Larson said. "It's a really easy way to learn in front of 30 others who don't know, either."

Students said that although Forensics was fun, it was also worthwhile.

"It is a lot of work, but it's worth it because of what you get out of it," freshman Michelle Hutchins said. "I know a lot more about my voice and how to act properly. It's helped me when trying out for plays."

"I suppose I learn more from Debate, but Forensics is more fun," Jeff said.

In spite of their differences, Forensics and Debate both required a good attitude. The outcome of a tournament wasn't as important as putting forth the effort.

"You have to think you're the best. Not everyone can be a winner, but everyone can do the best job they can," Jeffers said.

"This year a lot of people care about what they're doing and trying to do a good job. They're glad to be there. It makes a big difference," Jeff concluded.

**Forensics**



# Red-Faced Students Soon Relax

by Tanya Hainen

Students in Acting I and II often started out red-faced and embarrassed, but soon became dedicated and relaxed, according to class members.

"The production staff or the students who take all the theater classes are the ones who usually plan on majoring in acting," Tucker said.

Students seemed to have different outlooks on the class. Some went 100 percent, while others just got by:

"A lot of my attitude toward acting out a scene depends on whom I am doing it with and what the scene is. I usually take it pretty serious, though, because I don't want to make a fool of myself," junior Sean Titus said.

Some students said they went into the class looking for a blow-off course, but soon realized the fun and experience that comes with work:

"At first I didn't take the class seriously, but now I do because I've really found an interest in it," sophomore Randy Fikki said.

Some students found a sense of pride and accomplishment in being able to have fun themselves while entertaining others.

"I originally took the class for a fine art credit; but after we started doing acts, I really liked it, and more than that it was fun making people laugh," senior Bryan Baker said.

Class members said they all had a tendency to clam up and get a little

shaky in front of a group. Yet, overcoming this problem was one of the learning processes in these classes:

"Being in Acting really helped me loosen up in front of people. At first I was real, real shy and worried what people would think, but then I found out the crazier you are the better you're liked," senior Paul Omstead said.

Some students plan to act as a profession; therefore these classes were a great benefit:

"I definitely think taking this class would help me in the future. Mrs. Tucker is a great teacher and has really helped me overcome my shyness," Sean said.

With a spark in his eyes, Randy said, "I've wanted to be an actor since I was little, and I think this class has helped me in many ways."

Although most really enjoyed the class and what it involved, they still took the grade and credit seriously:

"In the beginning acting they (the students) are graded on their efforts and improvements. In advanced they're graded on how well they do the actual performance," Tucker went on to say.

Basically, the Acting classes gave students the opportunity to overcome their shyness and put their talent to use:

"After I got over my stage fright, I loved the class and found it a lot of fun for me and my audience Bryan said.

**Drama**







**Far left:** In a scene from "California Suite," senior Eric Hutsler, helps his "wife," junior Lisa Donahue with a broken ankle. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)

**Junior Stephanie Main,** improvises a phone conversation, while practicing for a skit. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)



**Drama teacher Kat Tucker** gives last-minute criticism to sophomore Randy Fikki. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)

**Acting I students,** junior Kiers Downing and Lisa Lierman, play the parts of a teacher and parent in a skit performed during class. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)

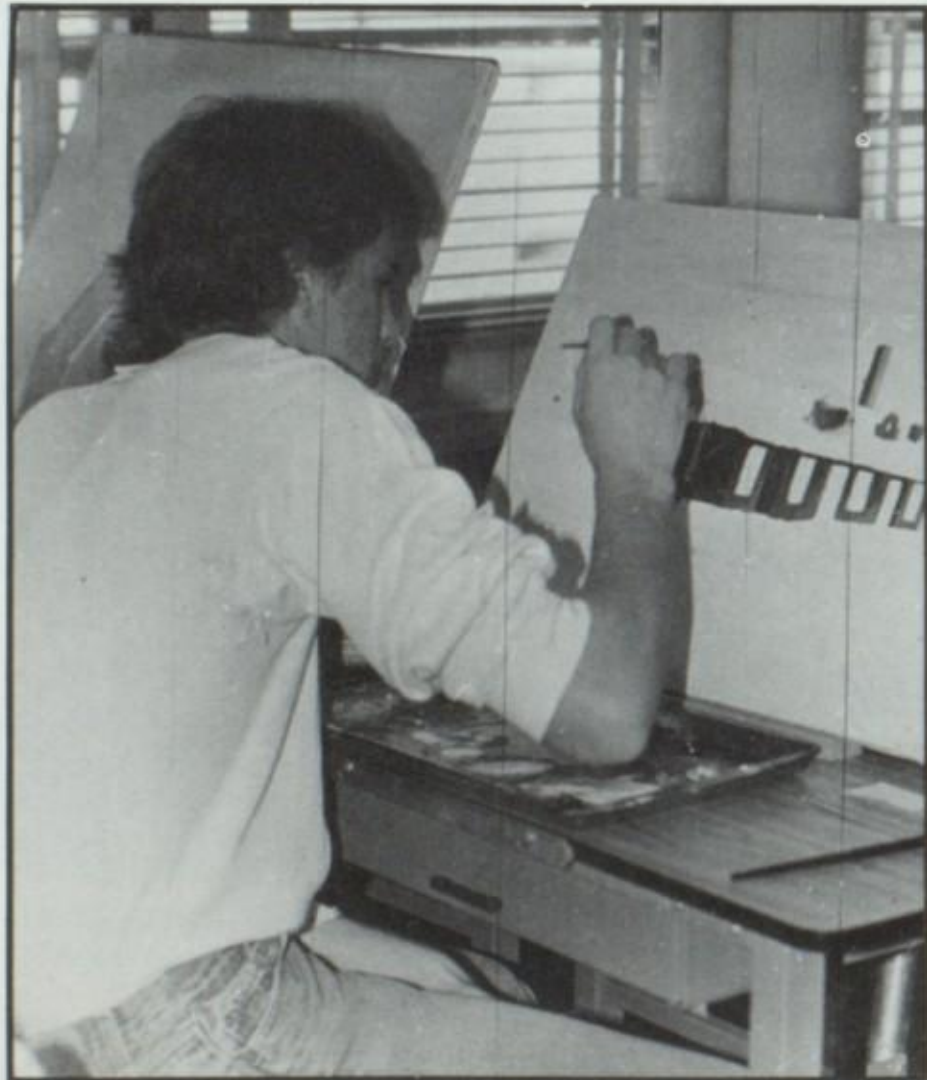


Senior Jim Winslow works to improve his painting ability. (Photo by Angie Proctor)



Painting from odd positions is what helps senior Tami Cottrell achieve the results she wants. (Photo by Angie Proctor)

Painting historic buildings is one assignment junior Luke Helms works on in Art III. (Photo by Angie Proctor)



Janice Malott, art teacher, explains techniques of super-realism to the Art IV class. (Photo by Angie Proctor)







# Classes Combine Into One

by Susan Appleberry

**T**wo classes. Same room, same hour, same teacher.

Change was familiar to the Art Department this year as the Art III and IV classes were combined into one.

The combined class was due to, "... scheduling problems. In order to give one teacher a conference hour, the classes had to be combined," teacher Janice Malott said.

Most didn't seem to mind the combined class:

"Actually, I like it," senior Wendy Wood, Art III student, said. "You get to see what a higher level is doing."

"I think that sometimes the Art IV's can get complacent. It's good for them to see Art III's doing good work. This can be a motivating factor," Malott said.

"I don't like it. It's harder to get individual attention from the teacher because of the number in the class," senior Brian Bolten, Art IV student, said.

"The main problem is just the number of students involved. One person answering questions can get hectic. Art

III and IV are more individualized, so there are more things going on at once. It has caused some problems, but nothing major. Most are cooperating," Malott said.

Another change was the addition of a computer art system, "Dazzle Draw."

"I had been reading about what computers were doing in art. Everything on T.V. that's not a photograph is done by computers — animation, charts, and logos. Something like this was needed to keep the department current in the 'Computer Age,'" Malott said.

Cartoons, illustrations and caricatures were some assignments done on the computers:

"I like working on the computers. You learn more about computers and it's a nice change from painting and drawing," junior Lea Carney said.

And, as Wendy said, "I think the changes have been an improvement to the Art Department."

**Art**



# Try outs Not Required

by Beth Jones

The word "tryout" to some is a word that would like to be avoided if possible. However, for those who enjoy singing and need their fine art credit there was a easy answer — join Men's Choir, Girls' Glee or Freshman Choir. These three choirs did not require students to try out.

"Many of the students take it (Men's Choir) because it's a fun class and it requires no homework," Phillip Dunham, vocal music teacher and supervisor of music, said.

"I took Men's Choir because I needed my credit and because it's a fun class," senior Jim Beebe said.

Since the three choirs weren't involved in contests, their time in class was spent in learning the basics in music and getting ready to perform in concerts.

"These choirs aren't capable of the skills that the other choirs have. My responsibility is to teach them the basics about music," Bruce Dickerson, vocal music teacher, said. "So their time is taken up in class and performing in concerts."

"Hopefully I teach them the fun-

damentals of music, such as reading music, the proper mechanics and how to be a better singer," Dunham said. "Through singing they will have a natural feeling of worth by doing something well."

"I have learned how to read music and have been able to sing better," senior Brad Kinne said.

Dunham said that music is an emotional high and that it is a natural feeling that is not artificial. So for many of the students they stay with it.

"They improve musically and singing-wise. Some become quite good at it and go on with it by singing in church choirs or going to college to major in music," Dunham said.

There were many different reasons why students took these choirs, but for the most part it gave them an opportunity to have fun and learn about music while receiving their fine-art credit.

"I have had a great time and have learned a lot about music. It's been a fun experience," junior Cindy Quarti said.

## Vocal Music

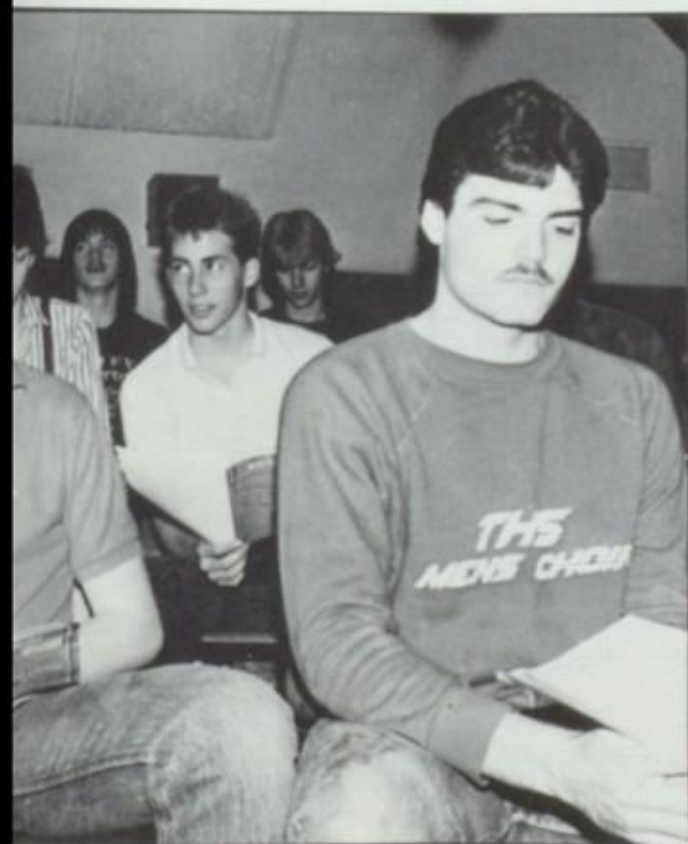
Throughout the year Freshmen Choir has learned several songs that they have sung in concerts. One of the



Trying to beat the bell seniors Brad Kinne, Steve LeVota and Chris Bachand strut into their first hour where Phil Dunham, vocal music teacher and supervisor of



most popular songs taught to them was "Separate Lives."  
(Photo by Tim Mitchell)



music talks to them about what songs they will be singing  
in class and how their parts should be sung. (Photo by Tim  
Mitchell)



**Front Row:** Mark James, Jim Klein, Eric Melton, Mike Davis, John Lambros, Bryan Baker, Richard Gallup, Anjie Schell, Mr. Dunham. **Second Row:** Michael Whited, Bret Yeager, Scott Johnson, Jason Noelker, Russell Norcross, Brian Ortey, Scott Isaacs, Kevin Griep. **Third Row:** Steve LeVota, Brad Kinne, Terry Howard, Dave McGraw, Ryan Sinclair, Pace Brown, Donald Simmons. **Fourth Row:** Jim Tormena, Chris Bachand, Ross Mooney, Todd Maschmeier, Tom Flippin, Brent Burton, Doug Bragg. **Fifth Row:** John Bradley, Chris Peters, Scott Beacham, Jim Beebe, Larry Jenkins, Mike Welsh, Danny Collins. **Sixth Row:** Todd Porterfield, Shane Williams, Rex Barnes, Tony Williams, Ron Johnson, Sean Hess. **Back Row:** Rick Grove, Brian Tann, Brian Nash, Mike Steinbach, Ian Dowell, Spencer Palmer, Bill Ham.



**Front Row:** Teri Bolten, Julie Johnson, Shauna Mead, Jill Hotson, Chris Marks, Tisa Clay, Jennifer Wishon, Lisa James. **Second Row:** Shayla Colline, Lisa Carlton, Dixie Datweiler, Kathleen Ragan, Tina Cary, Kristina Sandifer, Amy Shipman. **Third Row:** Anjie Daniel, Diane Butterworth, Lisa Chinn, Sara McDonald, Shawn Gondran, Jimmy Chapman, John Creager. **Fourth Row:** Tommy Willis, Wayne Williams, Shawn Morris, Shelly Williams, Anthony Spangler, Nicole Wilson, Lee Welpman, Cindy Holland. **Back Row:** Lisa McCulley, Leigh Ann Banks, Vicki Hatt, Metta Childress.

**Front Row:** Michelle Doll, Traci Long, Kim Smith, Melissa Payne, Jodi Karr, Stacey Anderson, Tricia Eckman, Joely Link, Rachelle Mortallaro. **Second Row:** Mere Dietrich, Heather Kerns, Sherry Danzo, Cindy Quarti, Tanya Stark, Cheryl Crain, Shannon Calohan, Rai Howerton. **Third Row:** Lori Springer, Monica Sawyers, Kristine Lupardus, Roxann Wood, Tammy Davis, Stephanie Grapes, Rhonda Anderson, Sharla Marie Brown, Patti Dyson, Amy Hutton. **Fourth Row:** Janet Pressley, Marcia Jarnagin, Cheryl Cunningham, Karla Kohl, Sandy Jones, Tammy Ostrander, Dawn Brower, Laura Pagel. **Fifth Row:** Denise Street, Heather Lewis, Stahr Bertrand, Robin Holderness, Shawn Senter, Jennifer Murdock, Rhonda Free, Jodi Cook. **Sixth Row:** Tabitha Whited, Kathy Morris, Shelley Engel, Lynn Pratt, Cindy Hancock, Sherri Glentzer, Linda Smith, Lori Johnson, Rayna Steen. **Back Row:** Robin Bergschneider, Tracey Morris, Bonnie Hodges, Denise Waters, Michele Henneman, Denise Cline, Theresa Daniels, Kelly Daniel.





**Front Row:** Kathy Gilges, Angie Ahrens, Angela Steele, Jennifer Nevils, Durenda Wolgamott, Nellie Park, Carla Diaz, Dawn Thrutchley, Anissa Jardak, Christy Buro, Tiffany Cipolla, Valya Bronson (secretary), Cindy Hall, Debbie Ketchum, Laura Hartley, Jeannette Meeker, Lisa Lierman, Vikki Barnes. **Second Row:** Rachelle Mortallero, Shelly Harper, Diane Murphy, Christy Hall, Candi Messina, Jennifer Coffman (vice-president), Debbie Beck, Shelley Williams, Renae Price, Karrie Reeder, Sherry Danzo, Linda Brewer, Dana Beebe, Gina Pool, Stacey

Andrews, Michelle Rouner, Karen Schmidt, Diane Dietrich, Amy Patterson, Belinda Rankin, Amy Fisher. **Back Row:** Rhonda Conner, Stacy Sindt, Karen Holm, Cathe Casteel, Anna-Margaret Williams, Julie Howe, Julie Quigg, Mere Dietrich, Tammy Ostrander, Shannon Hurla, Kathy Plake, Cindy Spratt, Carol Cole (president), Ronda Schuler, Lorri Lewis, Amy Miller, Kyla Claxton (librarian), Mindy Quick, Beth Sperling, Ann Butler.



**Front Row:** Michelle Doll, Mary McCormick, Gina Pool, Jodi Austin. **Second Row:** Vikkie Barnes, Lisa Lierman, Nellie Park, Star McMahon, Marcia Thomas. **Back Row:** Shelley Williams, Mindy Quick, Jennifer Nevils, Kathy Gilges, Mindy Matthews, Stacy Fickling.

**Bruce Dickerson** accompanies Women's Choir as they practice for upcoming concerts. (Photo by Angie Proctor)





By practicing on risers, Women's Choir is able to prepare for a concert. (Photo by Angie Proctor)



# Dickerson Stresses Participation

by Brian Ortiz

**W**omen's Choir was more than just a training ensemble for Concert Choir, according to director Bruce Dickerson.

"It's a class, but it is also a social group interested in the arts. Each school day we rehearse, then, after school we rehearse more and then we socialize."

After the audition, much class time was spent doing vocal exercises to increase the range of how high or low a voice will go. Also important are the exercises to better read and learn music by sight.

"Someone will sing a few notes and then give the rest of us a chance to recite them back," Candice Messina said.

The group sent solo and small ensembles to Warrensburg and Columbia, Missouri to perform and compete for

district and state ratings of I (excellent), II (Superior), III (Good), IV (Fair), or V (Poor), yet Dickerson insists that they do not promote competition, but rather, education.

"We do have girls that compete and do very well, but they are not school sponsored. We have drawn a fine line between competition and education," he said.

Girls said they took the class because they like to sing and not compete, according to president Carol Cole.

"Being able to perform and participate in the music show is great. It doesn't seem like that big of a deal to other people, but for those who appreciate it; it's the ultimate," junior Julie Quigg said.

**Women's Choir**



# Choir Hits High notes

by Cynthia Savage

**A**s Truman's main choir, Concert Choir had a busy schedule practicing and performing this year.

"We're being featured more this year than in the past," director Bruce Dickerson said. "But that's a compliment to previous years."

This year the choir was featured at the Mid-America Vocal Arts Festival at UMKC and was also asked to sing at the RLDS World Conference. Activities they participated in include the Big Six vocal clinic and Christmas carolling on the Country Club Plaza. During September they joined Chrisman's Concert Chorale for a combined concert for the second year.

"We'd like to continue that. Apparently something like that hasn't been done to develop good relations with Chrisman," Dickerson said.

In addition to these performances, the choir's schedule included singing in Truman's fall, Christmas, winter and spring concerts as well as taking part in District and State Music Festivals.

Many members also received individual recognition in vocal contests. At the National Association of Teachers of Singing vocal competition in St. Louis, three received honorable mentions: senior Brian Morse and juniors Kiers Downing and Marcia Schwartz. Eleven students made District Choir and four made the State Choir: seniors Brian Morse and Eric Nevils and juniors Rob Howard and Marcia Schwartz.

"It's unusual to have that many from one school," Dickerson commented.

"I didn't think I was that good. It really surprised me that I made it out of all those tenors who had tried out," Eric said.

In addition to talent, members said that the choir had other good qualities

even though many are inexperienced. Senior Amy Patterson explained that although many members lack experience, their willingness to learn makes up for it.

"There are a lot of new members who aren't use to it, but I don't think it's really held us back any. These are the people who really want to be here and sing and no one complains too much," she said.

Eric said that the choir had a togetherness because they all had one thing in common — music. Many agree with him when he expressed his feelings about singing: "It's a great feeling to know that you're bringing something to other people's lives."

Trutones, a group of select Concert Choir members, will be going on tour this summer with the Blue and Gold Singers from Chrisman. The idea for the tour was Chrisman's, but they invited the Trutones to help make the trip less costly.

"It's not an officially sanctioned activity of Truman or the Independence School District," Dickerson said.

He said that the trip was being made at the students' request.

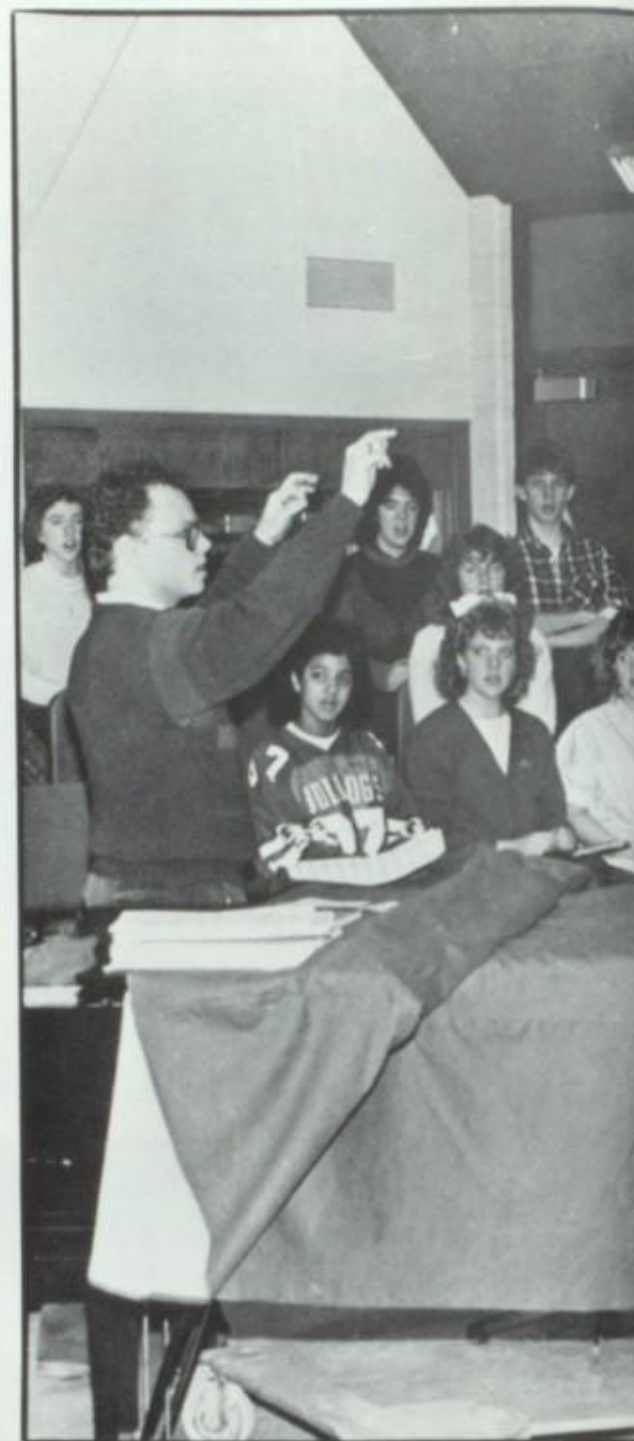
"For some of them it will be their only chance to see some cities and sing in a group of this caliber," he said.

Some of the scheduled performances include the Metropolitan Opera, the Capital steps in Washington, D.C., a cathedral in New York and perhaps the Statue of Liberty.

"It's really hard to raise money, but we're having fun with it," Amy said. "We're selling doughnuts and are going to have a chili supper."

"On the whole, it's a very good choir. No doubt about it, it's a talented group," Dickerson concluded.

## Concert Choir



During a rehearsal, Dorothy Salisbury and Kelly Cornine pay close attention to Mr. Dickerson's directions. (Photo by Greg Carr)





New risers help bring the choir together for practice. (Photo by Greg Carr)

**Front Row:** Anna-Margaret Williams, Amy Patterson, Carol Cole, Paige Brown, Marcia Schwartz. **Second Row:** Erin Burke, Anjie Schell, Kiers Downing, Pam Williams, Robin Wilcox, Becky Anderson. **Back Row:** Jim Cady, Darren Bradley, Mike Manade, Brian Morse, Wes Kramer, Rob Howard, Steve Martin, Tim Townley, Eric Nevils.



**Front Row:** Michelle Doll (vice-president), Shelley Harper, Becky Anderson, Jodi Austin, Melanie Foudree, Theresa Miller, Gina Pool, Mike Manade, Brian Morse (president), Erick Henson, Jim Cady, Debbie Beck, Anjie Schell, Julie Graybill, Valya Bronson, Erin Burke (secretary), Kelly Cornine, Dorothy Salisbury, Tami Jenkins. **Second Row:** Tim Townley, Sherry Koftan, Carol Hamby, Robin Wilcox, Shelley Kuhn, Marcia Schwartz, Pam Williams, Marc Walker, Greg Carr, Mike Immer, Dennis Kleyh, Anna-Margaret Williams, Paige Brown,

Stahr McMahon, Rhonda Davis, Amy Patterson, Marcia Thomas, Stacey Fickling, John Burke, Wes Kramer (robe chairman). **Back Row:** Carol Cole, Mary McCormick, Julie Rhoads, Nick Stompoly, Jonathon Fields, Craig Cook, Sverker Domar, Chad Rieke, Vern Mulkey, Eric Nevils, Ronnie Johnson, Rob Howard, Spencer Palmer, Michael Whited, Dave DeWalt, Darren Bradley, Mike Folsom, Beth McConnel, Mindy Matthews.



# Hard Work Receives Rewards

by Cynthia Savage

**W**ith increased enthusiasm and effort, Symphonic Band members gained marching experience and improved musical skills.

During the first quarter, Symphonic Band was combined with Concert Band into one marching band during zero hour. When they were divided at the beginning of concert season, an assistant, Brent Edmonds, directed Symphonic Band for the rest of the semester. Second semester it was directed by Gary Love during sixth hour.

As the first year with an assistant, Love said, "It could have been better, but it worked out somewhat."

Although new members were inexperienced at marching, practice and effort led to a successful marching band. The band worked to put together a different half-time show for each home football game. This meant learning new music and field formations every two weeks regardless of the weather.

"It's hard. We had to go out every morning and learn new charts," freshman B. J. Partlow said. "Marching in the mud was gross, but early morning marching was about the worst because you're not awake yet."

In addition to performing at home games, the band did well in both field and parade competitions. They placed second in a half-time show competition at Carrollton, Mo. in September and they received a third place trophy in Missouri Western's Homecoming parade.

"Trophies are not a major thing with us, but they're always nice," Love said. "All things considered, it's as good of a marching band as I could have wanted. It sounded good and marched well."

During concert season, Symphonic

Band members gained experience by giving three concerts and preparing music for District Music contest. Because only one band per school was allowed at contest, Symphonic Band members took solos and small ensembles. In addition to spending some class-time helping students perfect their pieces, Love hoped to take an entire section to contest for the first time.

"One thing I'm going to try to do is take the woodwind section to contest as a choir, if I can find a piece that suits them," Love said.

He explained that the experience of playing in front of a judge is good preparation for Concert Band. Because a choir is larger than small ensembles, the individual pressure on members would not be as great. It would also allow students to get an idea of what playing in a band at a contest is like without the pressure of sightreading.

Students explained some other benefits in taking an ensemble to contest:

"It gives you a chance to experience playing in front of people. You're put under more pressure because you have to learn your part more," junior Brad Byers said.

"I think it helps me to play with other people and to see how I'm improving," sophomore Renee Richie said.

"I really like this group. These guys have the desire, better discipline and more interest in what they're doing. They're fun," Love said. He summarized Symphonic Band's year as a "good full effort overall."

## Symphonic Band







Show band supports the Patriots and entertains the crowd by playing at home basketball games. (Photo by Greg Carr)

**Front Row:** Bruce Huhmann, Mary Johnson, Tim Cott, Ken Shipley, Todd Jones, Pat Liang, Cameron Sutt. **Second Row:** Jane Aslakson, Krista Kanies, Vic Juliana, Kathy Lynch, Jeremy White, Shaun Horner, Jack Williams. **Third Row:** Dana Brewer, Marla Schemmer, Rob Howard, David Snapp, Kirstin Kramer, Susan Hulett, Dean Bullock. **Back Row:** David Willard, Brian Zelk, Thad Clark, Debbie Shaft, Michelle Cupp, Julie Clothier, Jodi Austin, Dennis Lewis.



**Front Row:** Gary Love, Brad Huhmann, Lisa Bohanon, April Neill, Traci Long, Stacie Welsh, Danelle Hatfield, Jenny Scott, Kristen Welch, Kim Scott. **Second Row:** Rachael Barnes, Sterling Hershey, George Bowser, Dena Byrd, Dawn May, Mindy Schlueter, Gery Tolle, Melissa Larsen, Stephanie Woodruff. **Third Row:** Alycia Miller, Barbara Jones, Julina Steele, Becky Bacus, Jennifer Jones, Kelly Edinger, Anita Reed, Debbie Gallamore, Sherry Teague. **Fourth Row:** John Till-

man, Ginny Shellhorn, Renee Richie, Dayna Fulton, Nicole Baringer, John Dunham, Darren Rowe, B. J. Partlow, Michele Sturgeon. **Fifth Row:** Ed Floyd, Steve Morse, Rod Schwartz, Richard Roedd, Brad Byers, Traci Skoch, Danny Roberts. **Back Row:** Jay Kacheroski, Chris Olvera, David Phelps, Jeff Brown, Jim Partlow, Kevin Black, Bobby Dominguez.



Drummers provide entertainment during the half-time show. (Photo by Doug Day)

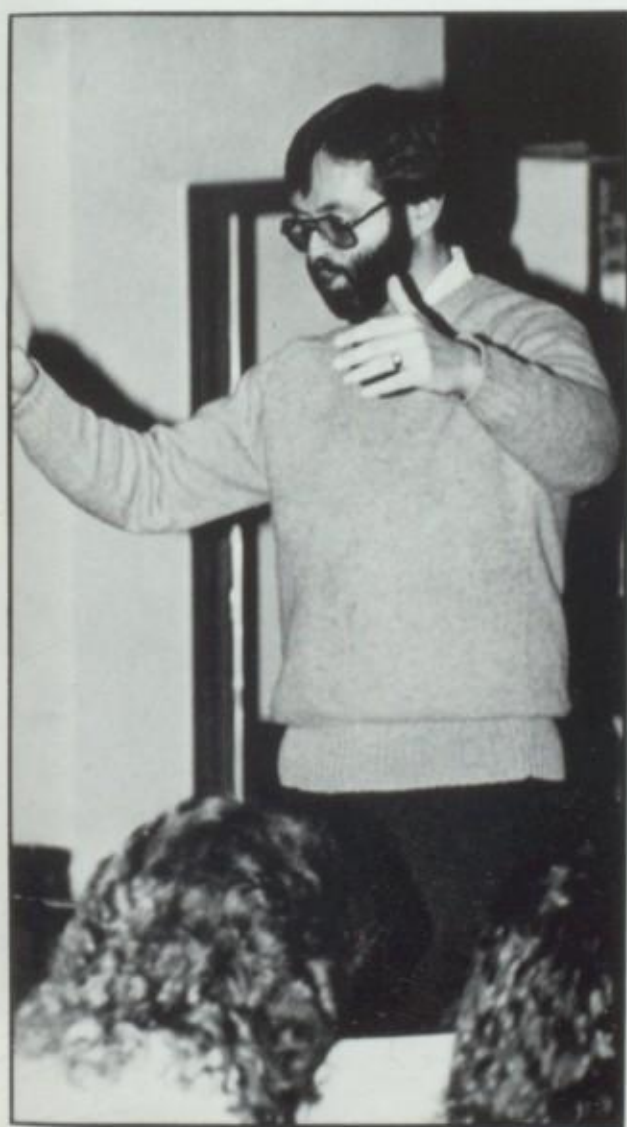
Drum Majors — Jodi Austin, Dan Penrod, Mary Johnson.



**Front Row:** Todd Jones, Dana Brewer, David Willard, David DeWalt, Steve Pool, Rob Howard, Mike Hughes, Jack Williams, Jason Schell. **Second Row:** Tim Williams, Brian Zelk, Julie Clothier, Melissa Salazar, Victor Juliana, Emmett Romine, Candy Brayton, Carol Hamby. **Third Row:** Gary Love, Dean Bullock, Kirstin Kramer, Susan Hulett, Marsha Lutes, Brent Zelk, Michelle Cupp, Debbie Shaft, Pam Conner. **Fourth Row:** Dennis Lewis, Donnie Chambers, Timothy Cott, Mary Johnson, Shauna Francis, Michelle Hutchins, Becky Goerz, Marcia Johnson, Ken

Shipley. **Fifth Row:** Jodi Austin, Robin Wilcox, Renita Wilcox, Marla Schemmer, Krista Kanies, Jane Aslakson, Kim Jurd, Bruce Huhmann, Amee Sanders. **Sixth row:** Neil Crocker, Pam Macgrayne, Jenny Smith, Pat Liang, Thad Clark, Jeremy White, Kathy Lynch. **Seventh Row:** Kent Weremeyer, Brian Burnett, Cameron Sutt, Adam Skinner, Shawn Horner. **Back Row:** David Snapp, Dean Larson, Chad John, Kevin Howery, David Jarman.





Gary Love, instrumental music director, has an easier time first semester with the help of an assistant director. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

# Hour Brings Change

by Carolyn Gillmor

A change to the zero hour and the addition of a temporary assistant altered the format of Concert band.

Brent Edmonds, a graduate of Central Missouri State University, came to Truman during the first semester to assist Gary Love, band director.

"It was nice to have another teacher in charge all the time," Love said. "He took care of the Symphonic band while I took the Concert band."

Edmonds' job was mainly to alleviate some of the problems Love faced. He acted as a "troubleshooter" during the marching season by working out problems on the field and later took over teaching the Symphonic band.

"I think it was easier on Mr. Love," junior Jodi Austin said. "It wasn't just on his shoulders, he was there for support."

"He (Edmonds) was nice," senior Mary Johnson said. "But he really didn't have the experience this band needed."

Moving from first hour to the new optional zero hour also changed the band from past years.

"I think it hurt the band rather than helped it," Jodi said. "We had less time to practice because in past years we could practice before school and also first hour, Symphonic band could practice sixth hour. This way we were all together for only 55 minutes rather

than one and a half hours."

Another change that occurred because of the switch to zero hour was a change in the way Concert band tryouts were held.

Tryouts were normally held for incoming freshmen during the beginning of May of their eighth grade year. This year tryouts were held in November towards the end of marching season. This way the marching band became one big group without any distinctions in skill.

"The in-coming freshmen got some experience," Mary said. "They got to know many things that went on."

"I think the change was good for the freshmen," Jodi said. "They were able to get used to Mr. Love and everybody. They found out what he expected and when it came time to try out I think they were more confident, they prepared themselves more."

The changes although seemingly positive, did have a few drawbacks.

"The only problem with having the bands all together during zero hour was that when Symphonic band was moved back to sixth hour at second semester we lost some people because of conflicts in their schedules," Mary said. "Band just wasn't their highest priority."

"It's hard to be musical when you're asleep," Love said.

## Concert Band



After-school practices are essential to performing the musical. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Orchestra practices on pieces for the musical, "The King and I." (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



**Front Row:** Shara Meier, Voceil Allen, Melody Gentry, Stacy Jennings, Lesley Carnahan, Michael Ruff. **Second Row:** Gary Love (director), Dianne Friend, Travy Jeanneret, Jenny Smith, Daniel Fleming, Mary Johnson. **Back Row:** Robin Wilcox, Debbie Shaft, Michelle Cupp, Renita Wilcox, Candy Brayton, Tim Cott.





Gary Love and junior Leslie Carnahan practice over a difficult song. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

# Synthesizer Provides Balance

by Pat Allen

**O**rchestra, as in past years, didn't have the numbers it needed. This proved to be quite a problem when it came time for them to perform for the musical.

"The pit orchestra in the musical provides the backup music during the play, dance music during dance routines and filler for scene changes," director Gary Love explained. "However, we simply don't have the numbers or balance it takes to play orchestra music and have the full sound."

To fill the gaps in the orchestra, additional musicians were brought in for the musical.

"We are bringing in nine people from band and we are hiring professional musicians to come in and help fill out the sound," junior Lesley Carnahan, a violinist, said.

"We're playing professional level music and if we didn't bring in professionals to help out with the sound, we would have a lot of trouble with our balance," junior Melody Gentry explained.

There was one more addition that Love said he feels will more than fill the gaps in his orchestra. This newest addition is a synthesizer that seemed to

excite all the orchestra members.

"It (the synthesizer) is really going to help us a lot, because it will make it easier for us to play full orchestra music by providing us with a much fuller sound," Melody said.

The musical proved to be a grueling test for the orchestra which had to play three hours straight from the opening act to the final curtain call.

Do you feel you get the recognition you deserve after you've put in this much time?

"It seems like the band gets all the attention all year until the musical comes along," sophomore Stacy Jennings said.

"We don't get the turnouts we would like because everyone thinks that all we play is classical music, which isn't true. We get to play really different music in the musical," Lesley said.

"The band gets most of the spotlight because there's 130 of them and you see them at the football games," sophomore Mike Ruff said, "but they've had to get up every morning in the fall and practice marching so I guess it really evens out."

**Orchestra**



# Hands-On Experience Useful

by Brian Ortiz

**T**he addition of eight new IBM computers to the Business Department allowed students to receive hands-on training for the modern business world while still in high school.

"The computers were purchased with the help of Federal and State Vocational funds," Gerald Jackson, department chairman, said.

"The computers don't make classes like accounting any easier, but accounting students need to know how accounting is done on the computers because that's probably how they are going to be doing their accounting," said business teacher Joan Jones.

"They're not going to be doing the work they do in class for a company. They have to know the theory they're doing in class, but they need to work a great deal on the computers."

"The student typing rate while working on the computers is not much higher, but it is improved."

"I think the computers are great. You don't have to write everything out by hand; you just go to the computer room and punch in the information," senior Kim May said. "The only bad thing is that there aren't enough for all the classes to use. We use them a lot in Word Processing and Office Technology, but it seems like we always have to wait in Accounting."

Jackson disagrees: "That has not been a problem and will not be a problem because there is enough give and take between the staff members. They work together to meet the demands in the best interest of the students."

However, if a problem with scheduling should arise, the state has set up a list in order of priority.

"Since 50 percent of the computers were purchased with state money, they require that vocational classes such as Clerical and Secretarial receive first priority. Second and third priority are given to the Distributive Education and Accounting classes respectively," said Jackson.

The remaining time is split between the rest of the classes.

While some of the business classes prepare students for college, several graduate and immediately enter the work force.

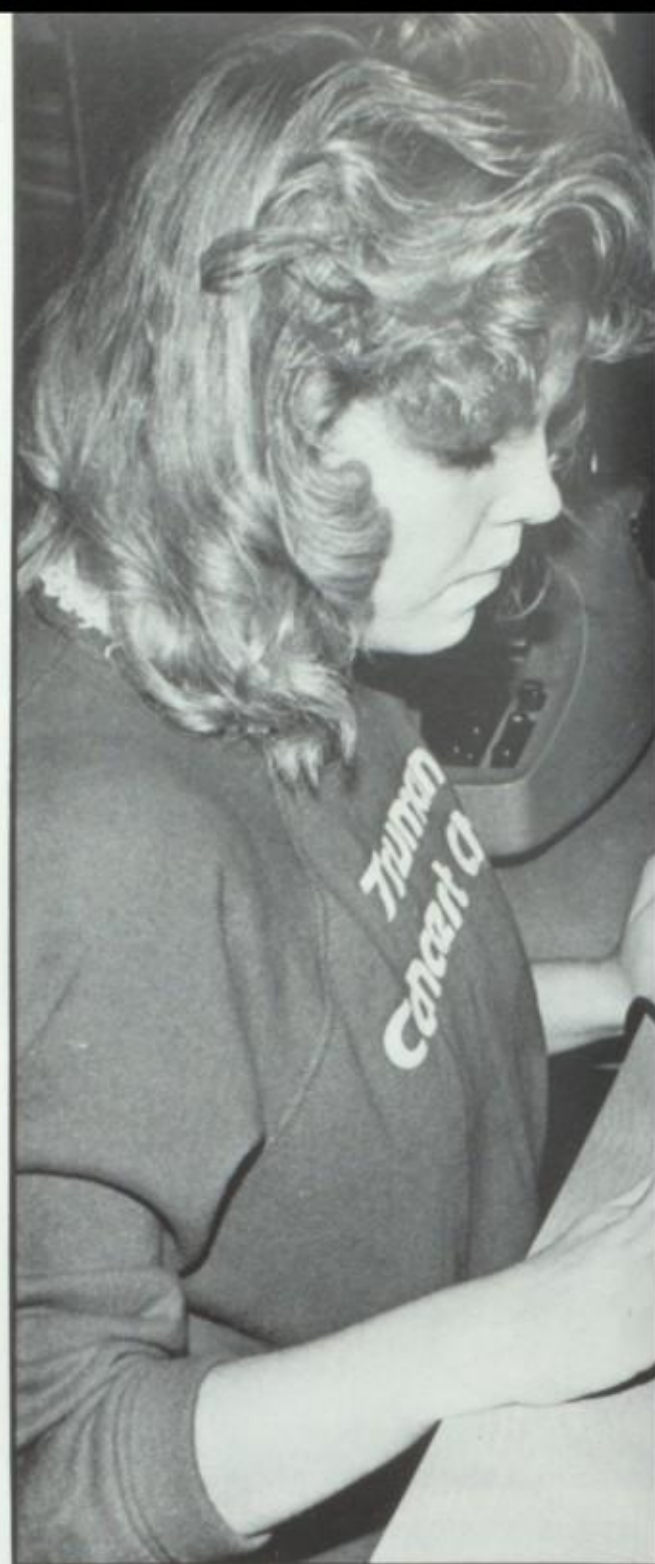
"I took Accounting and Typing for my job. I work for a doctor and he said I would need the skills in order to run the front desk. I also took Word Processing during the day and came back to night school for medical terminology. Now I can take a year off before college and go straight to work," Kim said.

For students to leave during the day for work, they must be enrolled in a DECA or COE class such as Distributive Education or Modern Office Technology.

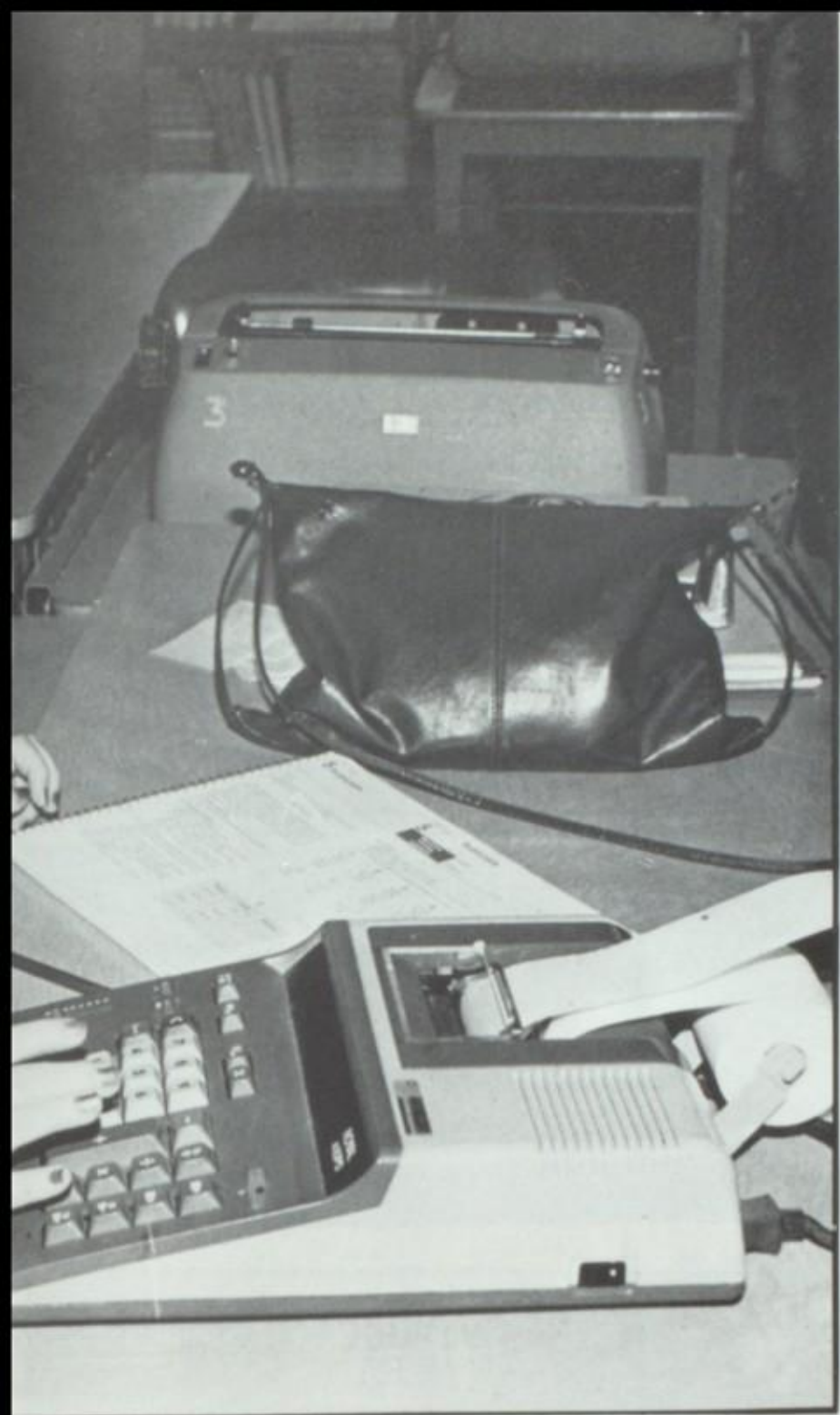
Many of the DECA or COE students, though, don't get a job with which they can receive vocational training, but work elsewhere such as a fast-food restaurant.

"After I get out, I go to McDonald's until 3 p.m. or so. That way I have the rest of the day to myself or homework," senior Natalie Wilcox said.

**Business**

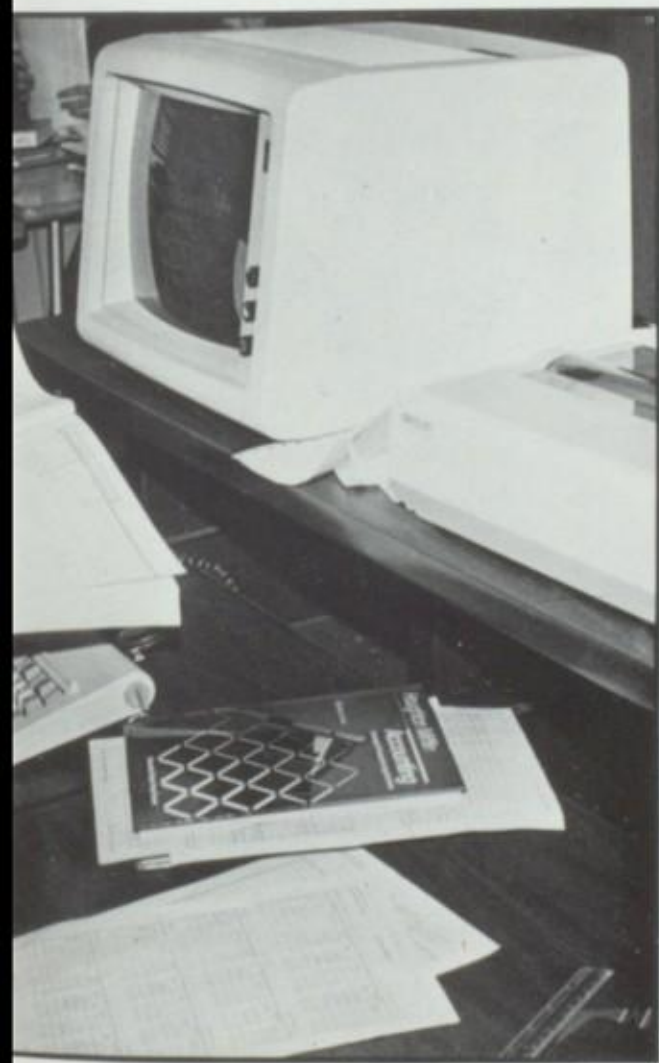






Operating a standardized ten-key adding machine by touch is routine for senior Kelly Cornine and the rest of the clerical students. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Timed writings are an important part of the daily routine for typing students. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Senior Valerie Rago watches the chalkboard periodically for additional instructions while completing her homework. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Senior Aimee Wear uses one of the eight new IBM computers to speed up the accounting posting process. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

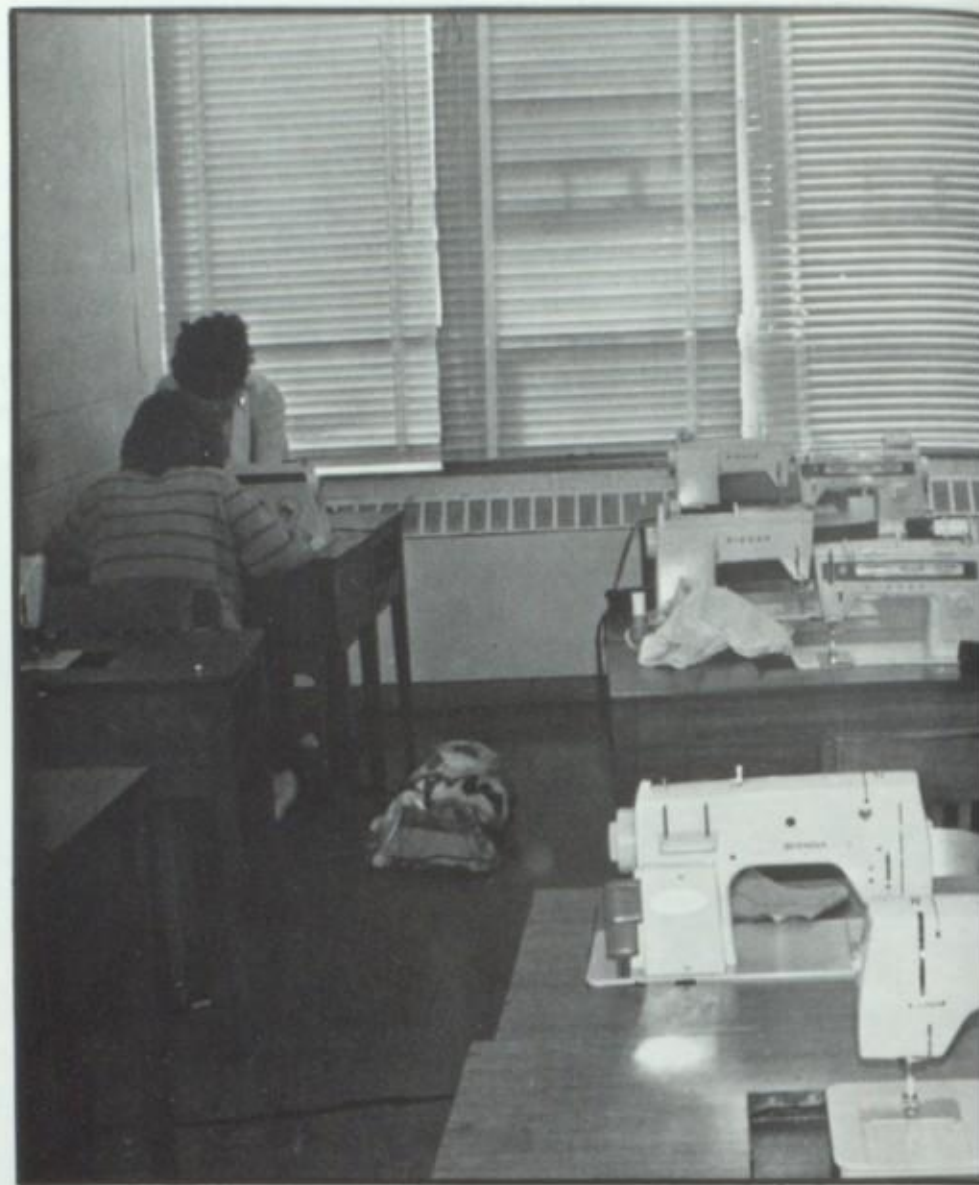


Space in the new sewing room is rearranged to produce the most working room.  
(Photo by Tim Mitchell)

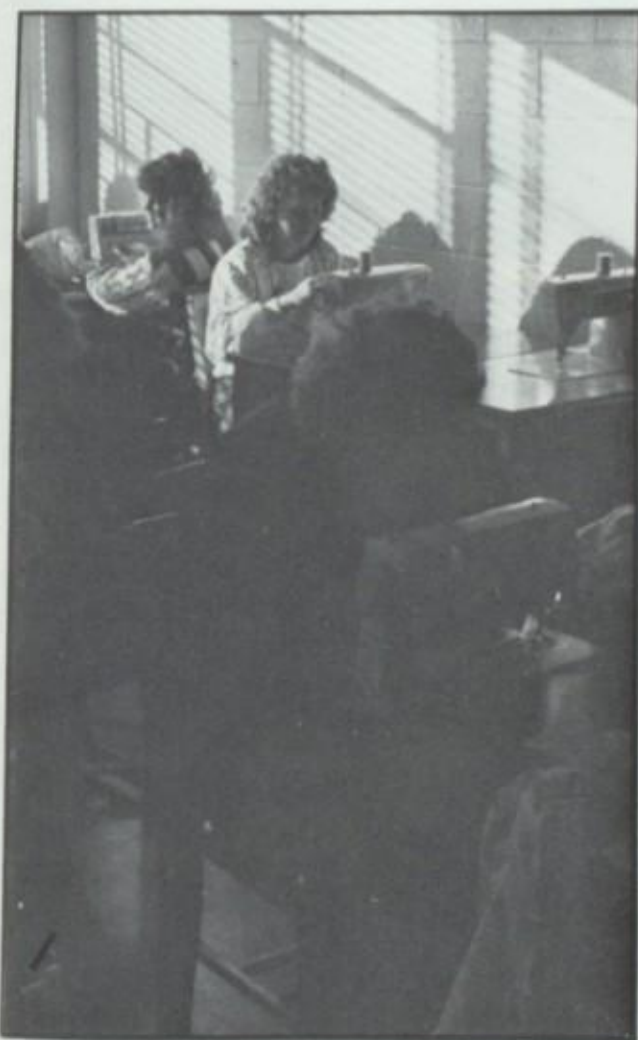


Tracy Skoch and Ronda Church get final fittings on recently completed pajama sets in sewing class. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

Marion Elrich gets special suggestions from Mrs. Robinson. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)







Students in the sewing room are cramped and uncomfortable with having to work shoulder-to-shoulder and back-to-back. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

# Little Room To Sew

by Hollie Glass

A change of atmosphere was not the best decision for Sewing class.

The class was moved from its spacious room which could accommodate many students, sewing machines, cutting space and dressing room. Students are now in a tiny cramped room behind the Home Economics Department display window. The room was hardly half the size of a normal classroom, yet it needed to accommodate 10 to 15 students.

"It was the enrollment was down when they signed up and the Spanish teacher needed a room with a chalkboard," Mary Robinson, sewing instructor, said. "I don't blame her, because I too have to have certain things in my room."

The space for people and equipment was cut considerably with the move.

"Right now our equipment is kept on the counter in the foods lab, and their baskets are on their machines."

Time was another factor that was restricted:

"Originally we thought we were going to have to share machines, and then we would have been even more behind than we are now. Now we have

to go all the way down the hall for fittings, and it just wastes time that we could be using," senior Shelly Judd said.

"It's a pretty big class, and the room isn't any bigger than the hallway outside," senior Christi Hall said.

The curriculum was not changed much, though:

"I kept the same requirements. I just don't do as much illustration as I used to. It's just that I can't press as many techniques as I would like to. I can't expect certain techniques in their work because I haven't taught them yet," Robinson said.

"We should have one complete garment finished, and there is only one person done with more, and the rest are only about half finished," she added.

"I think it's a worthwhile class to take, even though you don't get as much done. I always thought it would be neat to make my own clothes. I'm still learning, just not as much or as fast," senior Kerri Smith said.

Enrollment in the class could have gone down for several reasons, but Robinson said, "I think it's because they can buy garments so cheaply now that they have no reason to sew."

## Sewing



# It's A \$200 Project

by Cam Larsen

Students in the Cabinet/Furniture class had a full year of work ahead of them. During the year students devoted every class to the work on the project they had chosen.

"It's an all-year project and students have to follow through daily, because not everyone works at the same pace," teacher Harold Thomson said.

Projects had to meet certain requirements before approved for construction:

"This project should cost over \$200, have at least one door and one drawer and make use of tools like the shaper and router," Thomson said.

At the first of the year students were shown hundreds of slides of past projects to give them some ideas of what can be accomplished.

"The slides give them some goals to shoot for," Thomson said.

After viewing the slides, each student was asked to make a choice on a project that suited his creative interests.

"Since I've made other things before, I chose a grandfather clock, because it's more of a challenge," senior C. J. Kroon said.

The uses and purposes for each of the students projects varied.

"I'm making a roll-top desk. Nobody has ever completed one, so I thought I'd try. I've always wanted one," senior Todd Maschmeier said.

"I'm making a cabinet for my family. We're all interested in sports, so I thought we could put our trophies in it," junior Jerry Vogel said.

"I'm going to leave my project with my host family," C. J. said.

Students agreed that the project

would take lots of time and would be hard to finish without the terrific help given by Thomson:

"We only have about 10 people in the class, so he's constantly going around helping you glue things together or make measurements," Jerry said.

"Mr. Thomson is really good . . . he helps all the guys," C. J. said.

At the end of each quarter Thomson took a picture of each student's project to measure their progress.

"The pictures measure their skills and production; it's of the progress on them," Thomson said.

"When you work on it every day you forget what you've done. It helps me see what I've accomplished," Todd said.

Students in the Cabinet/Furniture class had different reasons for taking it, depending on the individual interests of the students:

"I enjoy working with woods; it's like a hobby," Todd said.

"I'm interested in it because I would like to go into carpentry and building," Jerry said.

Thomson stressed that the purpose wasn't necessarily to make carpenters out of everyone, but to give them skills to use later on either for a hobby or when purchasing furniture:

"The projects take a lot of work, but when they are completed they have new skills as well as their finished project. The class gives them an appreciation of good workmanship and the chance to follow through on a one year job."

## Industrial Arts



Cutting boards to correct size is one of the first steps to complete for senior John Engel. (Photo by Angie Proctor)





The use of a shaper allows junior Steve Foster to start work on his project. (Photo by Angie Proctor)



Power sanding puts the finishing touches on AFS student C.J. Kroon's project. (Photo by Angie Proctor)



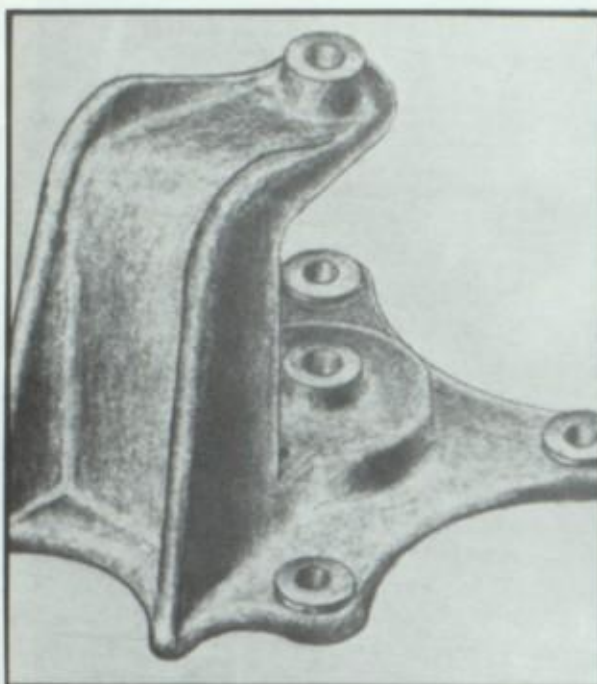
Junior Daryl Smith assists senior Todd Maschmeier assemble his project. (Photo by Angie Proctor)



Louis Fanara works diligently when practicing the skills he will someday depend on. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Shading and inking are important finishing touches for Vocational Drafting students. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Lab coats are the regular uniform even in Vo-Tech Foods Lab. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Vo-Tech students return to Truman after a day of gaining technical skills. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Senior Melissa Floray gives permanents as training in her Cosmetology Vo-Tech class. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)







# Students Leave To Learn

by Hollie Glass

**J**oe Herndon Area Technical Vocational School provided opportunities that Truman could not.

The school offered classes in auto body and repair, building, business and data processing, cosmetology, food services, health occupations, and television and radio repair.

Senior Wendy Wood got interested in it through hearing about it from friends and counselors.

"They (counselors) talked about what we could get enrolled in before we actually did. I'd also visited there with a friend of mine who was going there."

Counselor Robert Handley played a major roll in the enrollment of Truman students.

"I had to go to him to enroll and then he passed around a paper to all of my teachers to see what kind of student I was, because you have to be accepted first," Wendy said.

The classes had little interaction with other classes except those related occupations. Students, however, were introduced to outside influences.

"Every year the advertising art class gives itself a name, and this year we're Line Designs, kind of like a studio thing. And there are companies that come in to look over some of our work and we kind of make a contest out of it to see whose things get chosen. And then we give that person a bonus," Wendy said.

"The class really gets competitive at times. It really puts a lot of pressure on you to do your best. I'm always waiting for that ultimate idea. Sometimes you have to put up with a little less, and sometimes it doesn't come at all," she added.

Junior Patty Anderson, enrolled in

Health Occupations, said she didn't feel as if she missed a lot by being gone half of the day from Truman:

"I like it better because it's what I really want to get into when I graduate, rather than something I don't really need."

Interaction with other outside influence also exposed students to new responsibilities:

"In March we start going around to different hospitals and other places of observation. Everyone is excited about going. It's what all of this was leading up to," Patty said.

Wendy said she plans to go straight into a summer job:

"I wanted to get a job from Vo-Tech. They say they have no problem placing 'A' students, and it's pretty easy to place 'B' students, too. If I can get a job through Vo-Tech through the summer, then maybe they'll pay for the rest of my schooling."

Senior Melissa Floray, a cosmetology student, has even bigger plans for after her graduation:

"After this I plan to work in someone else's salon for the most two years, and then I'll get my own salon in Colorado or somewhere like that," she said.

"I feel very confident with myself because we've been moving so fast in our class, like the first two weeks all we did was get to know ourselves, and then within a month and a half we were really cutting on people's hair."

"I have such respect for my teacher, Mrs. Woolery, she impressed on us so much responsibility. She just puts me in awe," she added.

**Vo-Tech**



# No More Health

by Beth Jones

**F**reshmen no longer need the half-unit of health this year. And this change didn't seem to bother them.

"I think it's better having a full year of gym, and not having to take health," Vance Gladbach said. "It's a lot more fun this way."

"We have had enough of it (health) in grade school and junior high," Kirk Gutekunst said. "Anyway, you learn how to keep your body fit in gym."

With this change and the change in requirements, many said they were hopeful that the students learned some type of health in their Physical Education class. According to Helen French, vice-president of the Board of Education, there has been a committee formed by Don Coffman, chairman of the Physical Education Department.

"Don Coffman told me that physical fitness plays a part of health and is the focus in the Physical Education program," she said, "so that it's (health) a part of the gym classes in just one unit."

Some students didn't agree with this. They said they did not think it was fair to sit through a health class.

"I think they should be required to take health because it teaches you a lot — things about your body and drugs. These things were helpful," senior Janet Pressley said.

"I don't think it's fair because health taught me a lot and it should be required," sophomore Scott Gregg said.

However, freshman Jolee Harrell

said she felt she has had enough health.

"I heard that health was really boring and I think physical fitness is better than health because we've been brought up around the health surroundings."

Smaller gym classes may be the case since freshmen are not required to take Physical Education their sophomore year.

"I'm optimistic enough that kids don't want to sit in class with no activity; and when they find out, they'll want to sign up for it (physical education). I also know there are a lot of kids that need to be active and if they don't they'll start to get round," Jan Booner, physical education teacher, said with a slight chuckle.

"I'd rather get it over with in one year (physical education) because there are classes you can't take while you're a freshman, but you can take as a sophomore, junior and senior," Jolee said.

This change was made mainly because students had more requirements to meet.

"In order to meet the state requirements and to be better prepared to meet the challenges of the world, we decided that health and physical education could be taught in just one unit," French said.

"I think we are going to benefit from this change because we are going to have a better opportunity to learn more since we don't have to have that other unit of gym our sophomore year," Kirk said.

**P.E.-Health**

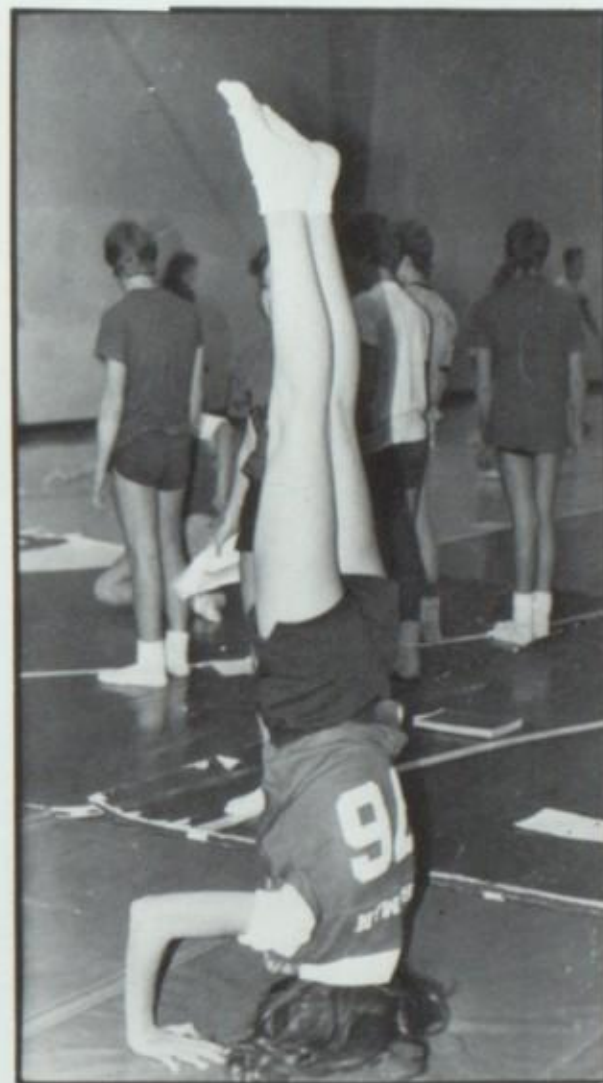






**Students sharpen** their volleyball skills during P.E. class. (Photo by Angie Proctor)

**Weight-lifting** is one of the options in Don Coffman's freshman Physical Education class. (Photo by Angie Proctor)



**Freshman Kristen Knoche** performs a headstand for one of her tumbling grades. (Photo by Angie Proctor)

**Judy Bruch's P.E. class** warms up for aerobics. (Photo by Angie Proctor)



# Patriots devote time after 2:30

by Tonya Hainen

Some students got more out of school than just a six-or seven-hour day. Many joined clubs to be more involved and enjoy extra activities.

"I think being in a club is an extension of the classroom. You meet new people and are more aware of what's going on in other places," senior Peggy Cordle said.

Being in a club required certain responsibilities, attendance and participation.

"We're required to go to a meeting once a month, pay dues, and participate in candy sales, etc.," senior Aimee Wear said.

Although students put in many hours of hard work, they were rewarded by having the opportunity to participate in club activities.

"In French Club we get the chance

to eat a lot of different foods that we wouldn't ever eat at home," Peggy added.

Extra activities were not the only benefits clubs offer, but they give students an opportunity to pursue their interests. By the number of clubs and the students participating in them, it was apparent that many took advantage of the chance to be involved.

Nancy Ziegenhorn, Student Council sponsor, said, "I saw an upsurge in interest of clubs when the ninth grade came to Truman. They appeared to have more time and enthusiasm."

Underclassmen seemed to show interest and joined clubs because they were not so tied down with jobs, etc.:

"We only meet once a month, yet I have all the time in the world to put into it, because I don't have other outside involvements to worry about," junior Laura Goddard said.

The clubs as a whole usually run

smoothly. All the students are interested in what's happening and work well together.

"We don't have a lot of trouble in Student Council, unless someone doesn't do his part. But most usually the other members take care of those problems themselves," Ziegenhorn said.

Some students joined clubs because there was something about the club that really pertained to them.

"I joined the Nutrition Council because I'm diabetic, and I already knew quite a bit about it. Therefore, I thought the activities in this club would be really neat," Laura added.

Being a member of a club seemed to get students involved. It helped them learn, and made school a little more exciting.

"I like being in a club so I can be more involved in school activities, and also be more involved with people," freshman Kelly Gray said.

# Clubs

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President Paul LeVota hands senior Rick White a penny for his idea on how to improve school activities. "Penny for your thoughts" was part of Feedback Week. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)




**Student Council Officers** — Front Row: Paul LeVota (president), Brian Franciskato (vice-president). Back Row: Dave Snapp (treasurer), Melissa Madewell (entertainment chairman), Julie Clothier (secretary), Rhonda Davis (student and community concerns chairman), Tom Demark (publicity chairman).

**Representatives** take notes over the meetings so they can better inform the student body of upcoming events. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)







# New activities used to bring spirit, pride

## Student Council

by Cam Larsen

**L**ong before school started, the Student Council Executive Officers made certain plans for the upcoming school year. Over the summer, officers attended a Student Council camp to learn how they could better serve their student body.

"Ideas came from the seminars at the camp. We decided then and there that we weren't going to be another drab council," Tom Demark, Publicity chairman, said. "We wanted to do things that were different."

"We felt the school was losing its pride," Rhonda Davis, Student and Community Concerns, said.

The officers decided how they could implement their ideas so that they could benefit the students the most:

"The main purpose was to get more

people involved," president Paul LeVota said.

"We tried to bring out school spirit and unity so everyone could get involved and have a good time," Melissa Madewell, Entertainment chairman, said.

Coming up with ideas was easy, but getting students and members of Student Council to take part would present a definite challenge:

"It's hard to get them interested," Tom said. "We're trying to get people other than the members that show up for everything."

"The representatives' only definite motivation is our point system. Also, we had a meeting to tell members how they could better serve the students," vice-president Brian Franciskato said.

"The real motivation has to come from the people themselves," Melissa said.

"A lot of students feel the school needs more pride and wanted to help," treasurer David Snapp said.

"The spirit months were beneficial to students," Tom said. "In one way or another everyone got involved."

"The assembly at Christmas brought everyone together," Melissa said. "It was the first assembly in many years and it

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Representative Karen Kinney bags candy for teachers in appreciation of their work. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)





# Student participation needed to have fun

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showed that there really is school spirit."

Another week for the students as well as Student Council was Feedback week, although it didn't turn out as expected.

"I was hoping Feedback week would help us out. It was one way to find out what people were thinking about our activities," Paul said.

"I wanted to learn what the students wanted. We asked them so they couldn't accuse us of not listening to their needs," David said.

To keep students more informed of school activities, Tom tried to keep the marquee updated every week:

"Since the buses all go by it, I think it's the best way for the students to see what's going on at school."

As the year progressed many other individual goals developed in conjunction with the collective goal of spirit and participation.

"My goal was to keep letters going to our child abroad, Edwin Toledo," secretary Julie Clothier said.

"I wanted to break the United Way record and student participation played a big part in doing it," Rhonda said.

"I'm trying not to be so tight. I like open lines of communication and I need the representatives' help," Paul said. "Last year's president tried to take all the re-

sponsibility, but one person can't do it alone."

As a result of the Council's efforts and new ideas, more people did get involved and enjoyed the activities:

"I wanted the Council to be a close-knit group, without divisions between seniors, juniors, etc.," David said.

"People told me how neat they thought the posters were that showed support for our clubs and sports," Julie said. "Students became more motivated."

In addition to the emphasis on school spirit, pride and unity, one Council member had an important concept in mind.

"We just wanted to make Truman a fun place to be," Julie said.

Publicity chairman Tom Demark and Student and Community Concerns chairman Rhonda Davis, decorate the teachers' boxes for Valentine's Day. Student Council secret pals placed gifts in the boxes. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)





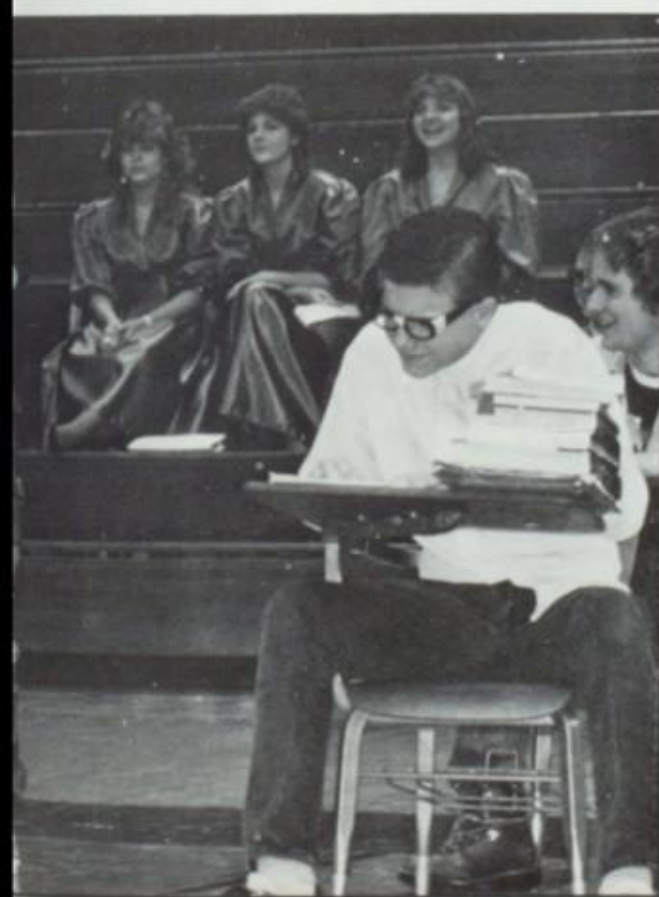


Students sign the "We are the Patriots" banner during Pride Week. It was hung at the Truman-Chrisman basketball game. (Photo by Greg Carr)



**Student Council Representatives** — **Front Row:** Liz Lammers, Angy Webb, Beth Bundschu, Susan Appleberry, Sharla Marie Brown, Karen Kinney, Steve Kuhn. **Second Row:** Chad Leabo, Christopher Whiting, Cindy McCaughey, Ginny Shellhorn, Deanna Collins, Durenda Wolgamott, Cameron Larsen, Peggy Ann Cordle. **Third Row:** David Vest, David Mitchell, John DeYoung, Carie Averill, Donna Sultzbaugh, Katie Connors, Ronda Schuler, Lynette Kempfe. **Fourth Row:** Audrey Minor, Jeremy White, Eric Hutsler, Gina Burasco, Renee Richie, Shelley Temple, Nellie Park, Donna Stephens. **Back Row:** Laura Buccero, Jodi Austin, Jane Alakson, Rick White, Jennifer Jones, Tim McElligott, Melissa Cupp, Michelle Hutchins. Not pictured: Grant Lightle.

**Senior Bob Sanders** plays a practical joke on senior **Melissa Madewell** in a skit done by Student Council at the Christmas assembly. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)





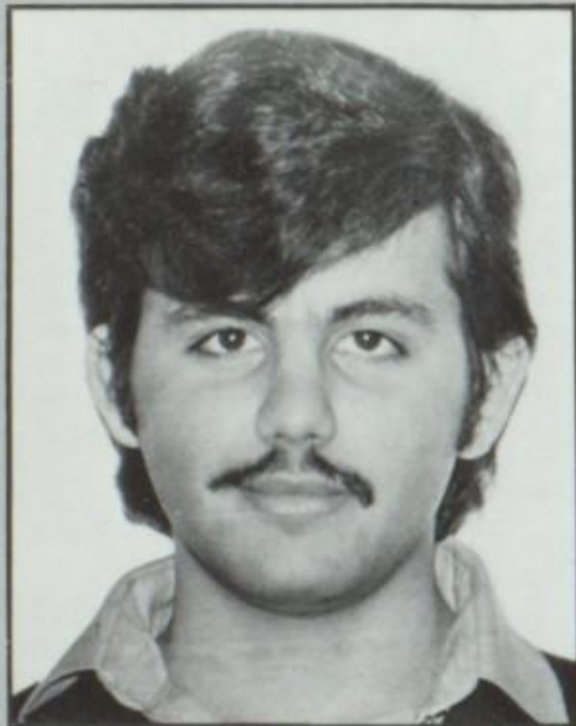
Getting better acquainted, the four AFS students walk through the courtyard. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Devi Eva Chandra  
Indonesia



Sverker Domar  
Sweden



Izzet Izgi  
Turkey



C.J. Kroon  
South Africa



Sverker Domar portrays professor Adolf Metz, an insect expert, in the fall play "The Man Who Came to Dinner."





# Students experience American lifestyles

## AFS students

by Beth Bundschu

Some people dream of visiting foreign countries but AFS brings the different countries to various schools in the United States. Through its student exchange program, AFS gave American and foreign students a chance to experience each other's cultures.

This year, Truman had four AFS students coming from all over the world. They came to the United States for a common reason: an opportunity to learn about a different way of life.

"I wanted to see different places in the world . . . and after seeing a different civilization I thought it would be better to compare them and try to eliminate some of the mistakes in my society," Izzet Izgi from Sivas, Turkey, who lived with junior Chris Resch and freshman Chablis Resch, said.

In addition to learning a second language AFS students have profited from their visit to American homes in several ways.

"I have learned to accept people with differences and to appreciate different lifestyles and the things in Sweden that I didn't appreciate before," Sverker Domar from Uppsala, Sweden, who lived with junior Bill Ham, said.

"I have learned the importance of communication and to be open with people," Cecil (C.J.) Kroon from Sasolburg, South Africa, who lived with sophomore Julie Clothier, said.

As would be expected, the foreign students were exposed to cooking and

food types that were very different from what they were accustomed. And while it may have been very difficult for some students to adjust to our food others adapted rather quickly.

"When I first came here, I weighed 133 pounds but now I weigh 156. My favorite foods are pizza, tacos, chili and French silk pie," Izzet said.

Methods of education vary throughout the world, and it was not surprising that AFS students found activities at Truman to be different from what they had experienced at home.

"In our school we have a certain classroom and the teachers come and go to the room and when the teacher enters the room, we all have to stand up till he or she says you may sit down. Turkish educational systems are based on very, very, strict discipline. In our schools we have to wear uniforms," Izzet said.

"At my school there was no such thing as a tardy. If you are late it's no big deal," C.J. said.

American movies have been shown and enjoyed in other countries and they have had a strong influence on the way a young person conceives of the American way of life. The students soon became aware that their preconceived ideas of America were not exactly true.

"I thought the American people are self-centered and materialistic. But I found that is not true. I met a lot of people who care about everybody else and most people around me are so friendly and nice. That's what made me feel at home," Devi Widya Eva Chandra from Bandung, Indonesia, who lived with senior Carol Stevenson, said.



Dancing in "The King and I" was one of Devi Eva Chandra's activities during her year in America. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)





**Interact** — **Front Row:** Bruce Huhmann, Gerry Starr, David Snapp (president), Nick Stompoly (vice-president), Beth Bundschu (treasurer), Rochelle Kasten (secretary), Kristin Kramer. **Second Row:** Amy Hancock, Nellie Park, Julie Riddle, Julie Clothier, Lisa Donahue, Lynette Kempfe, David DeWalt. **Third Row:** Brad Huhmann, Susan Hulett, Marsha Lutes, Ginny Shellhorn, Todd Carter. **Fourth Row:** John Bradley, Sean Hess, Chad John, Mark Gregston, Steve Pool, Kevin Howery. **Back Row:** Ralph Hazlett, Heather Kuhnert, Karen Kinney, Becky Schafer, Shannon Calohan, Rhonda Davis, Sylveena Ali.



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Students enjoy refreshments at the AFS welcome party. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



President Beth Welborn portrays Santa Lucia at an AFS Swedish dinner. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)





# Services give help to community, world

## Interact

by Brian Ortiz

**S**teady and increasing membership allowed Interact to continue and improve past activities as well as discover and execute new programs designed to help improve our community.

For example, Interact president David Snapp was at church when he heard of the many elderly people in the area who were physically unable to weatherize their homes. He was concerned by the news and brought it to the attention of the club.

"I mentioned it first to Chad John and Peggy Cordle, who both thought it was a good idea, so I mentioned it to some other members and set up a meeting to discuss the details," David said.

Past Interact Christmas projects have

been so successful that they are repeated annually with few changes. A needy family is adopted with the help of local civic and church organizations. Then the club primarily collects necessities such as food and clothing, but doesn't forget toys for the children.

"We also donate a ham to each of Student Council's needy families," sophomore Chad John added.

Unlike some other groups, parties and group functions weren't necessary to keep interest strong. Instead the rewards, they said, were much more personal.

"Even though it's a lot of work, it's worth it. There is nothing like the feeling you get when you see the smiles on the children's faces at Christmas — nothing," David said.

## AFS Club

by Brian Ortiz

**H**aving enough money to host four foreign exchange students was a tough task for AFS Club; but when it came to fundraising, the group proved almost anything could happen.

The activities began April 1, with four visiting students to celebrate AFS Day and included the sale of balloons through Friday, April 5.

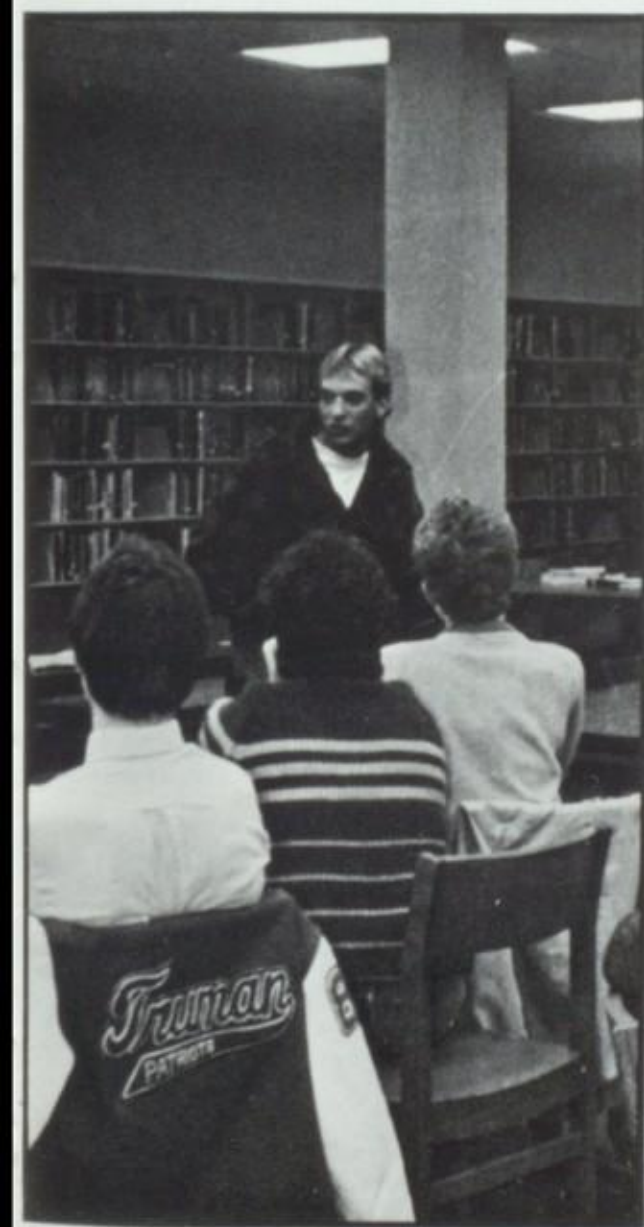
"For years we continued with the 'Almost Anything Goes' assembly, but it was really unorganized," vice-president, Beth Bundschu said. "A lot of people bought tickets just so they could get out of class and then not show up at the assembly."

So, this year they took a new approach by doing away with the 'Almost Anything Goes' assembly and replacing it with a

student-oriented talent show aimed to boost ticket sales and attendance.

Another first for AFS was "Links Around the World." The idea was sparked by the USA For Africa "Hands Across America" effort to unite the entire nation in one long chain from coast to coast to raise money for famine. The student effort was designed to help raise money for the club to sponsor future AFS students. The project united the entire school in one long chain of personalized links costing 25 cents each.

"Links across the world is a feeling of unity with everyone putting forth their little part. It makes us feel like we're contributing to something worthwhile, and essentially that's what AFS is all about. It's kids helping the world achieve peace," project coordinator Peggy Cordle said. "What kids don't understand is that the money we raise isn't for us, but rather to bring other AFS students. It helps the world."



Officers listen as president David Snapp gives Interact's agenda. (Photo by Angie Proctor)



Vice-president Cam Larsen discusses new by-laws with NHS officers. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



NHS — **Front Row:** Pat Allen, Brendan Shepherd, David Snapp, Gerry Starr, Rochelle Kasten (president), Cameron Larsen (vice-president), Michelle Cupp (treasurer), Shelly Kuhn (secretary). **Second Row:** Krista Kanies, Julie Riddle, Bruce Huhmann, Brian Franciskato, Sarah Conyers, Heather Kuhnert, Sylveena Ali, Carrie Hedrick. **Third Row:** Nellie Park, Renae Price, Nick Stompoly, Beth Bundschu, Jenny Luetkemeyer, Sharla Brown, Sean Titus, Lisa Donahue, Jennie Lawler. **Fourth Row:** Rebecca Friend, Tom Demark, Dennis Lewis, David Amadio, Pat Liang, Kirstin Kramer, Susan Hulett, Marcia Schwartz. **Fifth Row:** Steve Pool, Jane Aslakson, Marla Schemmer, Kim Jurd, Mary McCormick, Rhonda Davis, Anjie Schell, Marcia Thomas, Donna Stephens. **Sixth Row:** Todd Carter, Angie Ahrens, Jill Rose, Megan Bond, Mike Austell, Brian Zelk, Wade Hachinsky, David Anderson, Brian Burnett. **Seventh Row:** Julie Graybill, Stephen Goetz, David Vest, John Buckley, Jim Bullard, Mike DuRee, Doug Palmer, Sherrie Fann. **Eighth Row:** Jenny Hodson, Cynthia Savage, Dana Brewer, John Winkler, Carol Stevenson, Jodi Austin, Barbara Jones. **Back Row:** Douglas Day, Star McMahon, Suzanne Breshears, Mary Johnson, Shannon Miller. **Not pictured:** Hayley Stewart and Susan Appleberry.

For only 50 cents, Sylveena Ali enjoys a sucker in support of a NHS fundraiser.





# Change in by-laws stiffens requirements

## National Honor Society

by Tonya Hainen

A few new requirements added to the National Honor Society's by-laws, forced students to put forth more effort.

In years before students became members of National Honor Society by their rank. Now they are chosen by grade-point average and the advanced courses they have taken.

"I think the biggest advantage of the new requirements is that they are more easily understood by the parents and the students," sponsor Sheila Pool said.

These new requirements helped in several different areas. They not only required students to take harder courses, but also seemed to get members more involved.

President Rochelle Kasten said "After we got the new requirements, we started getting more participation especially at meetings which is what we needed."

By the changes made in the requirements, the students giving 100 percent said they got the real recognition they deserve.

"I think these changes helped, because

it brought out the true students who were really interested in taking advanced classes, and were also interested in their academic status," Cam Larsen, vice-president, said.

Although it became tougher to become a member with these new requirements, many felt it really helped and should have been done sooner:

Rochelle said, "I think these requirements should have been made a long time ago. Before, no one really did anything they were just another member. It was like everyone owed it to them," Rochelle said.

Taking harder courses, having a GPA of 3.5 to 4.0, plus participating in school activities wove together to unite members.

"As far as participating, I think everybody did their part, and was really active. We sold suckers, which everyone really enjoyed, it was something new that everyone wanted to try," secretary Shelley Kuhn said.

"With the new requirements, and more participation I think this could be the result of more academically interesting students," Cam said.

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Stiffer requirements make high grades harder to obtain. (Photo by Greg Carr)



# Organizations honor talent, achievements

## Tri-M

by Hollie Glass

**M**odern Music Masters was an honor club which honored those students outstanding in music fields.

To be accepted to Tri-M one must have competed and received a "1" rating at All-Districts competition in addition to a "1" or "2" rating at State competition.

Senior Michelle Cupp said, "It's something to be really proud of. Not only do you have to play well, but you have to

prove it and get up in front of all of these judges and play for them."

"Just like any club that you belong to you have to be really interested in it or else you can't really enjoy it like others do."

"It's a great opportunity to talk to people that have the same talent that you do and can spend time doing the same things that you do."

"To the people involved it's the greatest award to them, but to others outside it's not really much. I guess that's the same wherever you go," Michelle said.

## Quill and Scroll

by Hollie Glass

**Q**uill and Scroll members are often too busy with the responsibilities of the publications and journalism classes to have many activities within their own club.

"The basis for getting into Quill and Scroll is that you have to be in the top of the writing class and have done well overall in the class," president Cam Larsen explained. "Only about half of the students in the journalism classes are members of the club."

Members rarely get together for meetings to discuss the publications banquet held in April because of involvement in the honors classes.

"We really don't get to have a lot of meetings because everybody is too busy with the yearbook or the newspaper during the year," he said.

"It's more of a journalistic honors award more than it is a club. It's a journalistic honor society, where you're recognized for your grade or your performance in the class," he said.

"We get initiated at the publications banquet held in April. We get a membership card and a Quill and Scroll pin," he said.

"The main function of the club is to raise money for the banquet. We have to pay for the guests' dinners. Officers plan the dinner and evening and hand out the awards, of course," he said.







For those students who have earned the honor of being outstanding in music are able to become involved in Tri-M. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



**Tri-M — Front Row:** David Willard, Steve Pool, Erin Burke, Michelle Cupp (president), Kevin Howery, Kiers Downing, Anna-Margaret Williams. **Second Row:** Michelle Doll, Angie Schell, Mindy Mathews, Carol Hamby, Paige Brown, Robin Wilcox, Carol Cole. **Third Row:** Brian Morse, Marcia Schwartz, Pat Liang, Jodi Austin, Jane Aslakson, Anita Reed, Amy Patterson, Becky Anderson. **Back Row:** Ken Shipley, Mary Johnson, Pam Williams, Susan Hulett, Kirstin Kramer, David Snapp, Rob Howard, Mike Manade.



**Quill and Scroll — Front Row:** Brendan Shepherd, Melissa Madewell, Jenny Hodson, Tonya Hainen, Susan Appleberry (secretary), Pat Allen, Cameron Larsen (president). **Back Row:** Loral Powell, Jeff Stockwell, Peggy Cordle, Diane Bator, Beth Bundschu, Cynthia Savage, Carolyn Gillmor, Brent Herrick, Paul LeVota (treasurer).

Quill and Scroll is a club designed for those students who are either on the "Heritage" or "Spirit" staffs. Senior Cam Larsen, president, is also the copy editor of the "Heritage." (Photo by Angie Proctor)



By earning points debating, sophomore Jill Martin can become a member of National Forensics League. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



**NFL — Front Row:** Peggy Cordle, Brian Franciskato (president), Paige Brown (vice-president), Mike Jeffers (sponsor), Brett Gordon (secretary/treasurer), Melissa Madewell (entertainment), Jeff Stockwell (squad captain), Paul LeVota, Liz Lammers. **Second Row:** Sherrie Fann, Hayet Jardak, Angy Webb, Lisa Penrod, Ronda Schuler, Stacey Anderson, Jolee Harrell, Michelle Hutchins, Robert Sanders. **Third Row:** Dawn May, Kim Rogers, Billy Ruhling, Eric Hutsler, Michael Folsom, Matthew Haas, Shelley Temple, Susan Campbell, Jill Martin. **Fourth Row:** Jim Cady, Audrey Minor, Dianne Friend, George Bowser, Shawn Shippers, Steve Morse, Mike Camden, Mike Franciskato. **Fifth Row:** Paul Davidson, Jonathon Burke, Brian Morse, Greg Massey, Tom Saffey, John DeYoung, David Savage, Melissa Judd. **Back Row:** Todd Anderson, John Easley, Dean Larson, Todd Leabo, Robert Alumbaugh, Duane Wingate, Pam Hoepfner. **Not pictured:** Melissa Cupp.



**Thespians — Front Row:** Angy Webb, Jeff Stockwell (president), Traci Ince (vice-president), Stacy Anderson (secretary/treasurer), Lisa Penrod, Peggy Cordle, Drake Lightle, Michele Yancey. **Second Row:** Julie Graybill, Sean Titus, Carolyn Gillmor, Michelle Doll, Valya Bronson, Erin Burke, Karen Schroeder, Liz Lammers, Michael Folsom. **Back Row:** Dennis Wojciechowicz, David Laber, Cliff Lawson, Tony Brownlee, Eric Hutsler, Durenda Wolgamott, Kirk Brewer, Dan Penrod, Brett Phipps.

Members of Thespians are also in charge of helping with play props. Junior Lisa Penrod paints a set for "The King and I." (Photo by Tim Mitchell)







# Preparing for show serves main function

## National Forensic League

by Carolyn Gillmor

**A**n increase in size helped National Forensics League become a more competitive, more active club.

"Our membership has almost doubled since we lost our graduating seniors last year," Mike Jeffers, National Forensics League sponsor, said.

The amount of novices (or first-year competitors) increased and became the largest group of novices in several years.

"They really help with Sweepstakes," senior Liz Lammers said. "They won their own Sweepstakes trophy, which is a pretty good accomplishment."

"They really raise morale," Jeffers

said. "They kind of compete against each other and more members are more active."

The NFL club itself has also become more active than in recent years.

"We have meetings every month," Jeffers said. "But more than just that we have social functions. We host the December tournament and help other schools that host invitationals. We also had a Halloween party and we'll have a end-of-the-year awards banquet."

"We have a lot of young people, so the size should stay the way it is for at least another year."

"We're kind of like a family," Liz said. "We almost all get along."

## Thespians

by Carolyn Gillmor

**T**hespians, although considered a club, is really more of an honor society for actors and this, in turn, causes some of the inactivity of the group.

"We try to be active," senior Erin Burke said. "But we're all so busy with the musical, we're all involved in other things."

"Rather than saying 'I'm in Thespians, we're just not active,' it's more of a lifetime organization rather than being active right now," senior Mike Folsom said. "It's more of an honor society than a club."

Other than setting up and putting on the school play and musical, the Thespians

planned to put on several one-act plays they will perform for the school and charge a quarter to attend.

"It's not for sure," Erin said. "We just have plans because of the musical."

The money made from the plays went toward paying for trophies and awards given at the end-of-the-year banquet.

"At the banquet we give awards for acting and stagecraft," president Jeff Stockwell said. "We raise money through Thespians for that."

"We try to get things going but it just doesn't work out," senior Traci Ince said. "We have a lot of fun together when we do things."





Senior Jill Rose, Spanish Club president, presides over the monthly meetings. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Spanish Honor Society — Front Row: Jill Rose, David Vest, Diane Battor. Back Row: Todd Carter, Terri Irwin, Jeff Brown, Pam Williams, Steve Kimsey.

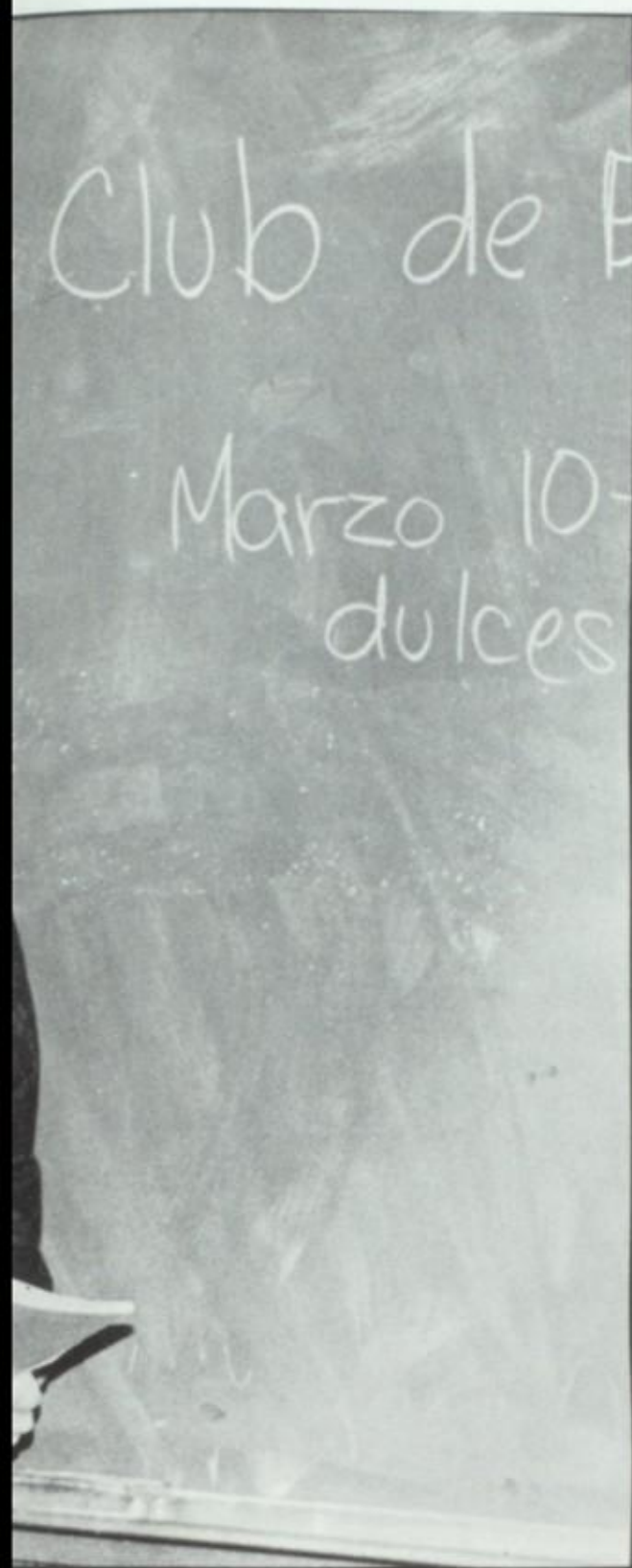


Spanish Club — Front Row: Jill Rose (president), Nick Stompoly (vice-president), Marla Schemmer (secretary), Karen Kinney (treasurer), Sherrie Fann (publicity), Dawn Petersen, Durenda Wolgamott. Second Row: Jennie Lawler, Krista Kanies, Cindy McCoughey, Jenny McFadden, Thad Clark, Renita Wilcox, Cynthia Savage. Third Row: Terri Irwin, Kim Jurd, Jennifer Couzens, Mary McCormick, Kathy Cathcart, Mindy Quick, Lee Ann Kimball. Fourth Row: David Snapp, Sherry Koftan, Jenny Hodson, Denise Van Wormer, Donna Stephens, Sean Hess, Cecilia Mata. Fifth Row: Tom Demark, David Vest, Chris Peters, Eric Nevils, Todd Carter. Back Row: Carolyn Gillmor, Karl Stoebeck, Neil Reichel, Stacy Sindt.

Spanish Club members listen to news of upcoming events. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)







# Project provides aid to needy Mexicans

## Spanish Club

by Susan Appleberry

Collecting \$1,000 for the Mexican earthquake fund was a major accomplishment for Spanish Club this year. The Independence Rotary Club matched its sum, so approximately \$2,000 was given to aid the earthquake victims.

"We got anyone willing to carry cans to help collect money. Senora Rice and Mrs. Ridings had the initial idea. After we collected the money, they were in charge of getting it to the right people," president Jill Rose said.

Spanish Club had approximately 40 members. Officers besides Jill were Nick Stompoly, vice-president; Marla Schemmer, secretary; Karen Kinney, treasurer;

and Sherrie Fann, activities chairperson; conducted monthly meetings.

"We don't do much as a club. We're just a simple little club," sponsor Casilda Rice said.

Other big activities for Spanish Club were a Christmas fiesta, a banquet at Chi Chi's and attending a Comets' game.

"We decided to have our banquet in the middle of the year, since all the other clubs have theirs at the end of the year. I think this is the first time Spanish Club has had a big banquet like this," Nick said.

"I think Spanish Club has been a lot more active this year compared to previous years. That's an improvement," senior Carolyn Gillmor said.



Members of Spanish Club go over plans for the year-end banquet. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



# Fun activities attract interest of members

## French Club

by Susan Appleberry

Exploring ways of French culture was a major part of French Club. There was a lot more to it than just speaking the language. Members often get a chance to sample authentic French food.

"Often times our meetings are centered around food. We will have a certain food that has to do with a French holiday. For example, in February we will have 'crepes.' It is the main food on a special French holiday," sponsor Ann Sunderland said.

Offering French foods at their regular meetings may have been one reason for its large membership of 120-125 students.

"I think a reason for the large interest is just because people are interested in doing these things. There has been somewhat of an increase with the addition of zero hour. With all this interest, I'm will-

ing to spend the time," Sunderland added.

"At our meetings there is usually some type of French food. It's neat because we're all in a French class and have that common interest. Sometimes we do skits in French, if it's simple so that all levels can understand," senior Traci Ince said.

Organizing the meetings was a big job. Officers were Lucia Donahue, president; Traci, vice-president; Juli May, secretary; and Jamie Harvey, program director.

"Most of it is for the socializing. We get to try authentic French foods. We always have a traditional progressive dinner and usually go to a French restaurant," senior Carrie Gutekunst said.

Lucia Donahue summed up reasons for the club's size: "There are 12 French classes. Probably half of the people in the classes join. Friends will get their friends to join. Things we do are fun. We always eat. That makes people interested."



Carnation sales for Valentine's Day are the major fundraiser for French Club. (Photo by Angie Proctor)

French Club meetings gather large attendance as president Lucia Donahue explains carnation sales. (Photo by Angie Proctor)







Senior Michelle Folkert prepares crepes for a French Club meeting. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



**French Honor Society** — **Front Row:** Carrie Gutekunst, Lucia Donahue, Susan Exposito. **Back Row:** Cam Larsen, Nellie Park, Carmen Lovewell.



**French Club** — **Front Row:** Donna Sultzbaugh, Kim Nelson, Eric Melton, Chloe Cordle, Lydie Exposito, Aimee Wear, Chris Stroud, Jamie Harvey, Juli May, Chad Leabo, Traci Ince, Shannon Calohan, Brett Gordon, Lucia Donahue (president), Heather Lewis, Julie Schmid. **Second Row:** Tammie Burton, Stacie Walsh, Mindy Schlueter, Paige Brown, Lynette Kempfe, Mireille Schuler, Hayet Jardak, Lisa Lierman, Jennifer Coffman, Rhonda Conner, Liz Lammers, Michelle Cupp, Lisa Donahue, Dayna Fulton, Nellie Park, Julie Riddle, Star McMahon. **Third Row:** Jodi Cook, Jenny Smith, Pam Macgrayne, Sara Gelear, Stephanie Woodruff, Denise Boone, Jennifer Gregory, Kelly Clark, Cindy Quarti, Jennifer Jones, Marsha Lutes, Tracy Schofield, Sherri Upp, Deanna Collins, Ginny Shell-horn, Holly Zink. **Fourth Row:** Melissa Larsen, Danelle Hatfield, Dana Wear, Linda Smith, Leslie Kuske, Debbie Dauer, Brent Herrick, Karl Stoebick, John Bradley, Ralph Hazlett, Sean Hess, Michelle Rogers, Dena Byrd, Laura Hartley, Renae Price, Jane Aslakson, Glenda Hawley. **Fifth Row:** Susan Smith, Tracy Juanneret, Jennifer Hopper, Melissa Cupp, Amy Ruhling, Amy Hutton, Rai Howerton, David Burrus, Chris Resch, James Sebastian, Tami Cottrell, Rochelle Kasten, Sylveena Ali, Audi O'Dell, Christi King, Jolee Harrell, Laura Orr. **Sixth Row:** Greg Deterding, Heather MacIntosh, Mark Brasfield, Jay Kacheroski, Matthew Swigert, Steve Patton, Jason Schell, Cindy Fitzpatrick, Sherry Teague, Michele Sturgeon, Laura Smith, Alissa Bonadonna, Mitzi Case, Beth Goebel, Tasha Howerton. **Seventh Row:** Renee Richie, Sheila Noel, Kevin Howery, Steve Pool, Hayley Stewart, Maria Thomas, Mindy Matthews, Lance Sandage, Chris Wahrenbrach, Debbie Boyd, Carrie Averill, Christi Buro, Anissa Jardak, Julie Quigg, Jennifer Clark, Melissa Salazar. **Back Row:** Drake Lightle, Shauna Francis, Heather McCoy, Chablis Resch, Laura Pricer, Kerri Lunsford, Melanie Foudree, Carrie Gutekunst, Beth Welborn, Julie Bailey, Steve Martin, Amy Miller, Carla Diaz, Stacey Anderson, Myrtle Madewell, Becky Schafer, Jeanette Meeker.





# Group projects help unite club members

## Science Club

by Pat Allen

As well as being one of the favorite aspects of Science Club, their field trips provided new and exciting experiences for all its members.

"We had a trip this winter to Squaw Creek Wildlife Refuge to observe the migrating Snow Geese numbering between 2 and 300,000 and some 30 Bald Eagles," senior Keith Bowman said.

"Before our trip to Squaw Creek we had a representative of the Audubon Socie-

ty from Lake Jacomo come speak to us about the migratory birds that are indigenous to our area," sponsor Chuck Nelson said.

The end of the year trip, however, seemed to be the biggest.

"Last year we all went on a float trip down the Current River. We had about 30 members and non-members go, and it looked like it would be a great trip, but it rained and we were forced to stay in a motel and we ended up coming back a day early," senior Eric Baker, treasurer, said.

## Computer Club

by Pat Allen

Activities anywhere from a guest speaker to writing a computer dating program kept Computer Club very busy this year.

"This is the most active group of kids I've ever had," sponsor Chuck Harris said.

One of Computer Club's biggest projects this year is their computer dating program.

"The kids fill out a questionnaire, we put all the information in the computer and our program will find their match. The Student Council computer dating dance

provided the computer dates with an opportunity to meet each other," senior Loren Gates, president, explained.

The program was the work of the entire club and each of the members had a hand in its completion.

"We all worked on the program together and it took us nearly a month to finally get all the bugs worked out of it," senior David Dutton said.

"The money we raised from the computer dating and our candy sales will help us to buy new equipment for the computer room like a new hard disc drive," Loren added.



As part of a Computer Club meeting, a speaker comes to talk about the importance of computers. (Photo by Greg Carr)

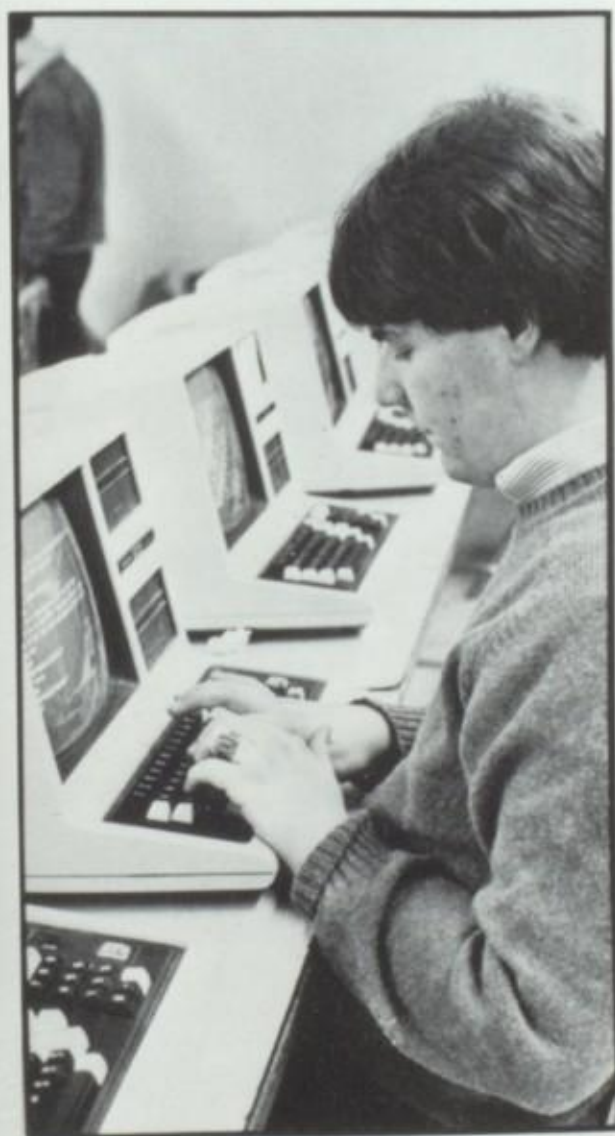




Science Club officers experiment with heating liquids. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)



Science Club — Front Row: Charles Nelson (sponsor), Scott Bridges, Star McMahon, Eric Baker (treasurer), Suzanne Breshears (vice-president), Dean Bullock (president), Mary Johnson, Victoria Briseus (secretary). Second Row: Chris Stroud, Steve Pool, Mikel Bachman, Katherine Plake, Keith Bowman, Durenda Wolgamott, Vociel Allen, Tim Cott. Back Row: Doug Palmer, Brian Franciskato, Cameron Larsen, Gerry Starr, David Amadio, Ken Shipley, Chris Marks.



Senior Doug Day works on the computer dating program set up by Computer Club. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Computer Club — Front Row: David Dutton, Loren Gates (president), Doug Day, Tim Cott, Kelly Atkinson (treasurer), Joe Burke (secretary), John Winkler (vice-president). Second Row: Jason Brown, Tony Brownlee, David Amadio, Durenda Wolgamott, Keith Bowman, Kim Jurd, Neil Reichel. Back Row: Leif Ball, Greg Vaughn, Gerry Starr, Martin Nye, Chris Stroud.



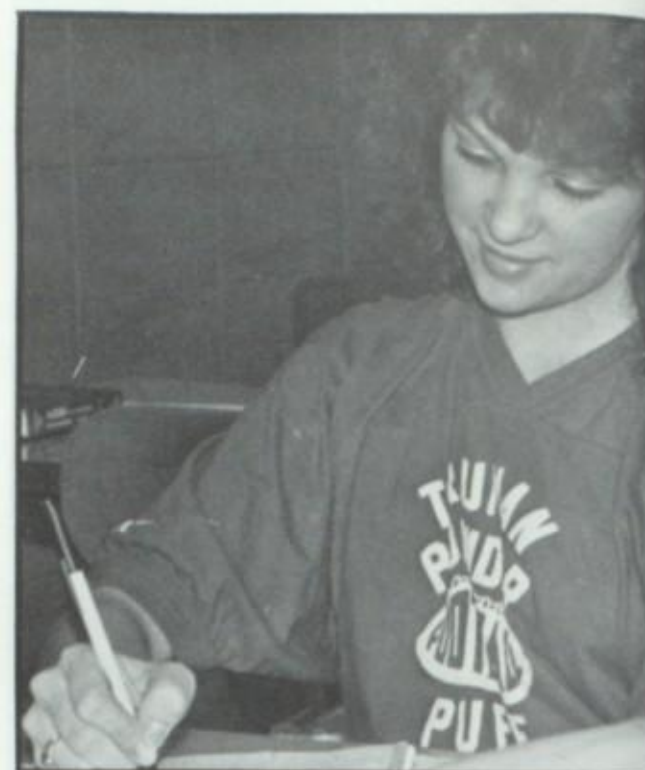


**SOO — Front Row:** Jeri McCollum, Cheryl Oakes, Tammie Eiken, Lynn Buchanan. **Second Row:** Carrie Hedrick, Karen Nix, Gretchen Haler, Vicki Meyer. **Back Row:** Clarissa Scott, Aimee Wear, Lori Stuck, Michele Hoover.



**DECA — Front Row:** Jennifer Armstrong, Tony Brownlee, Todd Schooler, Greg Vaughn, Mary Dorsey, Carla Hewitt, Jim Smith, Jim Walls. **Second Row:** Kevin Wyrick, David Wiss, Carla Medlin, David Laber, Scott Johnson, Rondall Bronson, Chuck Boan. **Third Row:** Bobbie Kirchoff, Keith Reichel, Kevin Johnson, Brad Buckley, Robert Shroyer, Steve Foster, Greg Collins. **Fourth Row:** Jennifer Lungsford, Amy Linville, Anna Alumbaugh, Shawn Rodkey, Jason Noelker, Ryan Thurber, Rick McCluskey. **Fifth Row:** Shawna Blandin, Kelly Butler, Bill Antonello, Tanya Preator, Brenetta Graham, Angela Steele, Karen Schmidt. **Sixth Row:** Melissa McCathie, Katie White, Monica Kincaid, Cliff Lawson, Lesley Ash, Michelle McDermott, Vivian Cline. **Seventh Row:** Bill Fетters, James Davis, Highland Mulumulu, Dilisa Lockhart, Belinda Rankin. **Eighth Row:** Darren Moreland, Shawn Portlance, Decker Perkins, Candi Messina, Steve LeVota, Pace Brown, Stone Atagi. **Ninth Row:** Kevin Witthar, Derald Smith, Todd Maschmeier, Rob Veach, Chris Bachand, Brian Tann, Mike Steinbach. **Tenth Row:** Ron Johnson, Richard Gallup, Mike Allen, Jim Klein, Lisa Kelsey, Linda Chow, Ann Butler. **Eleventh Row:** Ray Fluche, Bill Calvin, Lisa Fischer, Chris Rogers, Wes Thorton, Jeff Ballew, Greg Perusich, Jim Reed. **Twelfth Row:** Rhonda Shelton, Michele Yancey (president), Missi Mallardi (secretary), Valya Bronson (librarian), Miki Confer, Marcia Jarnagin (vice-president), Machele Farley. **Back Row:** Ramone Patel, Rex Kelly, Julie Bailey, Kirk Owings.

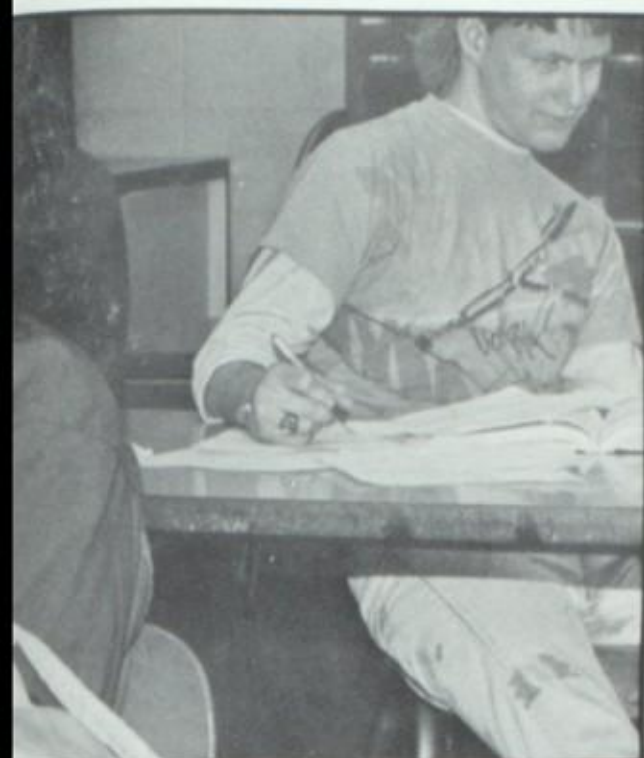
Distributive Education II is a class designed for students who want to advance their marketing skills. For



**Working in the office** at Palmer Junior High, senior Clarissa Scott uses the office skills she learned in her Secretarial and Office Procedures class at her job. Many



seniors Marcia Jarnagin, DECA vice-president, and Decker Perkins that comes easy. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



of those skills she took on everyday include typing, filing, writing receipts for students and answering the phone. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

# On-the-job training helps students learn

## SOO

by Beth Jones

Students in Supervised Office Occupations (SOO) took their secretarial skills they learned in class and used them in their every-day job.

"SOO is a co-op program for office work," sponsor John Shinn said. "The business is their training station."

To be a part of this program, students must have taken Secretarial and Office Procedures. After learning this material, they were allowed to leave school either after fourth or fifth hours:

"I'm a dental assistant to a dentist," senior Aimee Wear said. "Right now I

answer the phone, file and make appointments. I'm watching and learning so I'll be able to work with the patients."

"I work in the office here at Truman and I use the skills I have learned in class," senior Vicki Meyer said. "I type and take shorthand dictation. It has given me some experience and what to expect."

Students in this program received one unit of credit. Along with the credit, they were also paid.

"It is a tremendous learning experience. Many of the young people take their part-time job into a full-job. It's coordinating classroom skills with their business skills," Shinn said.

## DECA

by Beth Jones

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) was a club designed for those who were in Distributive Education I and II.

"The primary goals of DECA is vocational intelligence, social intelligence, civic consciousness and leadership," sponsor Gerald Jackson said.

DECA had a slow start this year, but they did some activities together.

"We have been ice skating as a group and have sold different types of cheeses to raise money," vice-president Marcia Jarnagin said.

"We raise money so at the end of the year we are able to donate it to an organization that needs help," Jackson said.

The most important thing the club participated in was Districts, a full-day process involving a lot of knowledge and concentration:

"Getting ready for Districts takes a lot

of work," president Michele Yancey said.

"In Districts you enter the event that you are best in. You have a 100-point test. Then you have two roles that you perform in the field of marketing that you have chosen with a judge watching you."

For many, though, Districts were a challenge. Jackson explained if a student became one of the top four in the field he chose, he moved on to State then Nationals.

"State is held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons and National are held in Atlanta, Ga., for those who qualify," Jackson said.

Students learned the skills through their D.E. class. The skills include marketing, advertising, financing, management and merchandising.

"Several students have used these skills while at their job and many have gone on to a big business," Jackson said. "The class and the club gives students a head start into the real working world."



# Contest, competition keep interest high

## Chess Club

by Hollie Glass

**A**chievements of Truman's Chess Club were great, but seldomly recognized by the rest of Truman's students.

This year the club went to a tournament in Nebraska. They sent a team consisting of Doug Day, Jack Williams, Martin Nye, John Winkler and Robert Chow. Doug Day took second in class C and twelfth overall. Jack Williams took sixth overall. Martin Nye took first unrated and sixteenth overall. John Winkler took fifteenth overall.

"The first couple of rounds are O.K., but towards the end you start getting tired, even with time in between rounds. The stress is what really wears you out," John explained.

Since the achievements started off great, expectations for the rest of the year were even better.

"Last year for the first time we won the city cup. And this year we get to host another tournament and try to keep it here. If we win it three years in a row we get to keep it forever, in the trophy case," he said.

## Nutrition Council

by Hollie Glass

**A**ctivities and field trips were the basis of the meetings for this year's Nutrition Council.

Sponsor Mary Ann McGovern had many activities planned for the members to participate in.

"We do a tour of Hickory Farms and sample the cheeses and the soups. It's interesting to hear all about them, where they came from or how they are made," McGovern said.

"Two of our representatives, Wendy Pickell and Steve Meadows meet with the food service director of Independence once a month. She keeps us up on what's going

on in the food world," she explained.

The club did a lot for the school that not many students knew about.

"We sponsored Willy Sancho when he came to Truman and spent so much time with our lunch shifts and gave things away to the students.

"Right now we're excited about entering a contest in the Independence area. We have to send a picture of nutrition. The winning picture receives \$75 for their group."

"At the end of the year we always go to Tiffany's Attic and eat with the money that we've made throughout the year. Usually wherever there's food, there we are," she said.



Nutrition Council enjoys lunch with B95 disc jockey, Willy Sancho, during Nutrition Week.







A lot of pressure on the players builds up as the match progresses. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



**Chess Club** — Front Row: Neal Standley, David Dutton, Loren Gates (tournament director), Joe Burke, Douglas Day (president). Second Row: Neil Reichel, Dean Bullock, George Bower (secretary/treasurer), Daniel Ingram, Jeff Blackmor. Back Row: Scott Bridges, John Winkler, Chris Stroud, Jack Williams, Marty Nye.



**Nutrition Council** — Front Row: Kathrine Plake (president), Laura Goddard (treasurer), Carla Carr (vice-president), Kelly Mason (secretary). Back Row: Ms. Mary Ann McGovern (sponsor), Jenny McFadden, Steve Meadows, Becky McFadden, Mrs. Peggy Robinson (sponsor).

Concentration becomes a key factor in winning a chess game for Jeff Blackmor. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



# Fans get involved in athletics

by Brent Herrick

**S**tudents go for the action! The overwhelming majority prefer three kinds. Action on the field, on the court and in the stands.

The lights go on at the Independence All-School Stadium. The band plays, the crowd yells. It's another big game for the Patriot's football team. "Playing football is exhilarating and gives me a chance to release tension," senior Jeff Passantino said.

"I love to watch my son perform his best on the field," parent Sally Beebe said.

For many people the hot, noisy gym provides the best action. Basketball is a fast, active game with the crowd close to the competitors. "I prefer the action of basketball because it is so easy to understand, unlike football," senior Jim Winslow said.

"I like basketball because of the fast-paced action," senior Jim Beebe said. "It never gets dull. It is a sport that is one continuous fumble."

Teacher Tom Demark prefers bas-

ketball. "I like basketball because there aren't as many plays. It's continuous action," he commented.

But what about the "minor" sports? These are competitive and action packed. Even though they are not well-attended by spectators, some people prefer them for various reasons. "I love the action of soccer because I have played it since I was young," junior Spencer Palmer said.

Or what about tennis. "I really enjoy the competition of tennis, senior Debbie Shaft said.

So why are these sports not well attended? It is really quite obvious that not as many people attend a tennis or golf match compared to a football or basketball game. Is it because fans don't have school spirit? Could they really care less what happened at a swim meet?

"My friends don't like to watch so I don't," sophomore Matt Smith said. "These sports aren't as important to me as football and basketball."

"Sports such as tennis and swimming aren't on television as much and I don't watch them when they are on,"

sophomore Michael Ruff said.

What many people don't realize is that each and every conference sport counts toward the Suburban Conference All-Sports Trophy given in each division of the conference. Maybe soccer, golf, tennis and swimming are as important as the "major" sports.

The location where the sport is being played can influence the interest and attendance. Away games are never as well-attended as home games because of the distance to travel.

"It really is too far to travel to Lee's Summit or Oak Park for not a whole lot of excitement," junior David Burrus said.

"It also is hard to drive to Bridger just to watch a soccer game," senior Cara Hawks said, "because it's understood nobody is going so why should I?"

"Whether it's football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, cross country, tennis, swimming, softball, baseball, track, soccer or golf, each requires its unique talent," Chuck Harris, volleyball coach, said.

# Sports

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*the action game*



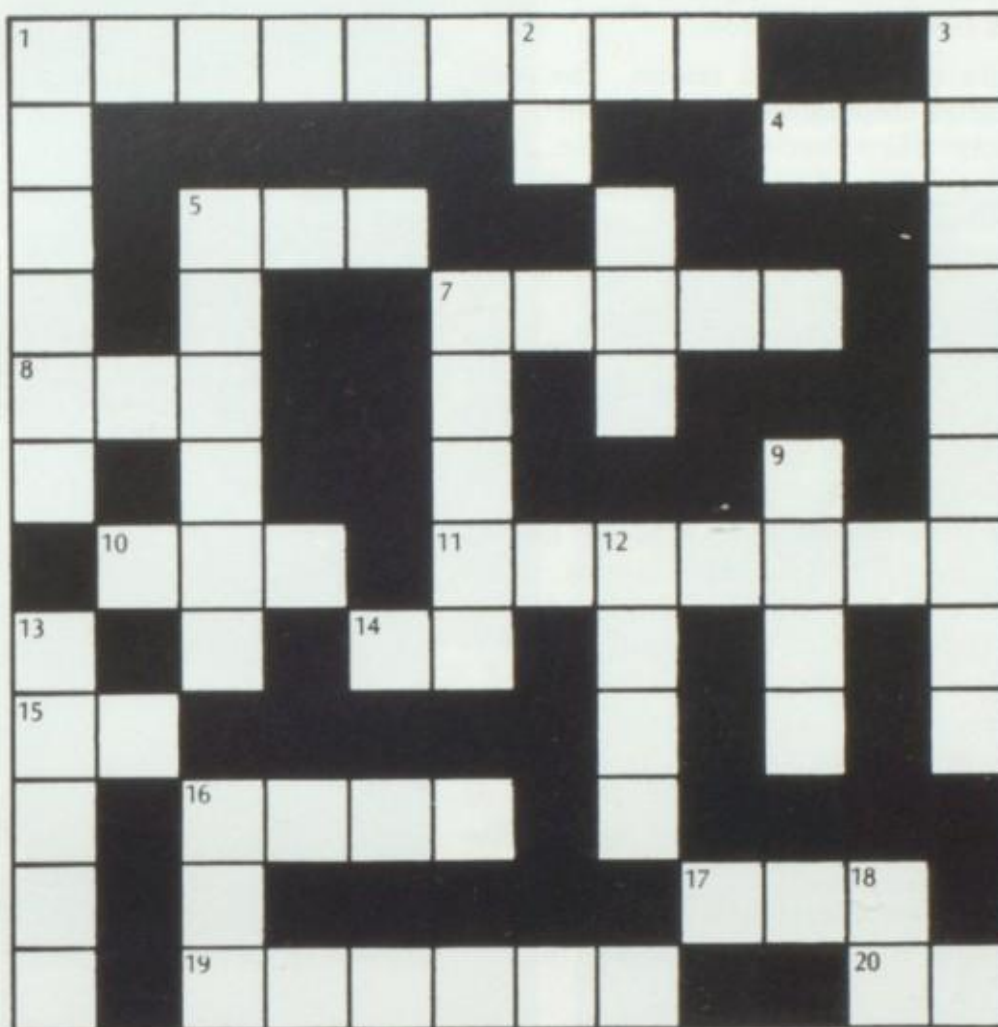
# ACROSS

1. worth 6 points in football
4. owe another person
7. obtain
8. \_\_\_\_\_ satellite
10. opposite of her
11. starts football game
14. form of is and are
15. homonym of two and too
16. \_\_\_\_\_, set, spike
17. separates court in tennis
19. one stroke under par
20. present tense of did

# DOWN

1. number of minutes in quarter of high school football
3. opposite of off
4. stroke in swimming
5. defends goal in soccer
6. plural of is
7. bump, set, \_\_\_\_\_
9. opposite of up
12. equipment used to putt golf ball with
13. opposite of finish
16. \_\_\_\_\_ squad
18. abbrev. of touchdown

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## Varsity Football

# POSITIVE ATTITUDES

*Self-discipline, character bring another winning season*

by Brent Herrick

**T**he varsity football team proved that self-discipline and character weigh more than depth with a 6-4 winning season.

"I thought it was a good season. The team showed character dealing with games where we were long shots. They were very coachable. They followed instructions well and gave a great effort," Coach Jim Talbott said.

Injuries had a big impact on the team because there wasn't the depth of experience.

"The team had the will to never give up. Everybody showed character, got along well and respected authority. Injuries were a problem especially at quarterback and center," senior wide-receiver Jeff Passantino said.

"Injuries hurt our team because we had to move people around to different positions. Some of our key people played hurt and could not perform to their potential. But everyone pulled together like a big family," senior Kevin Griep said.

One of the positive aspects of this year's season was the summer weight program promoted by Coach David Magraw. He motivated athletes to work out during the summer in preparation for the season.

"Coach Magraw should get a lot of credit for encouraging desire and motivation through the off-

*"The team had the will to never give up. Everybody showed character, got along well and respected authority . . ."*

season weight program," senior Jim White said.

"Coach Magraw's off-season weight program helped young players see the need to work out all year. As more students become interested in workouts and training, this should help our depth problem," senior Tom White said.

Other factors also influenced the outcome of the season. Varsity players felt added pressure to perform better as the season progressed when their teammates were lost because of injuries. To add to the problems, replacements were nervous when thrown into crucial games.

Jim Beebe, the Examiner's Defensive Player of the Year, agreed.

"We began wearing down through the season and the starters felt more pressure as the injuries increased. I don't feel I could have played another game. Even though our first year players did a good job, our team wasn't as strong as the first of the season," Jim said.

"It was very spooky to step onto the field for the first time as a varsity quarterback," sophomore Brian Rose said.

The Patriots were definite underdogs in the Shawnee Mission South game but showed their character by winning.

"This game helped give our team confidence before playing the conference powerhouses," Coach Talbott said.

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A dejected Scott Isaacs walks to the sideline after a loss to Lee's Summit. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)



During a rainy, cold game against Lee's Summit, players welcome the water after a tough series of downs. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)





Catching passes on offense and defense, senior Jim White shows only some of his talents. (Photo by Doug Day)

With three punters the Patriots are full of depth on special teams. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

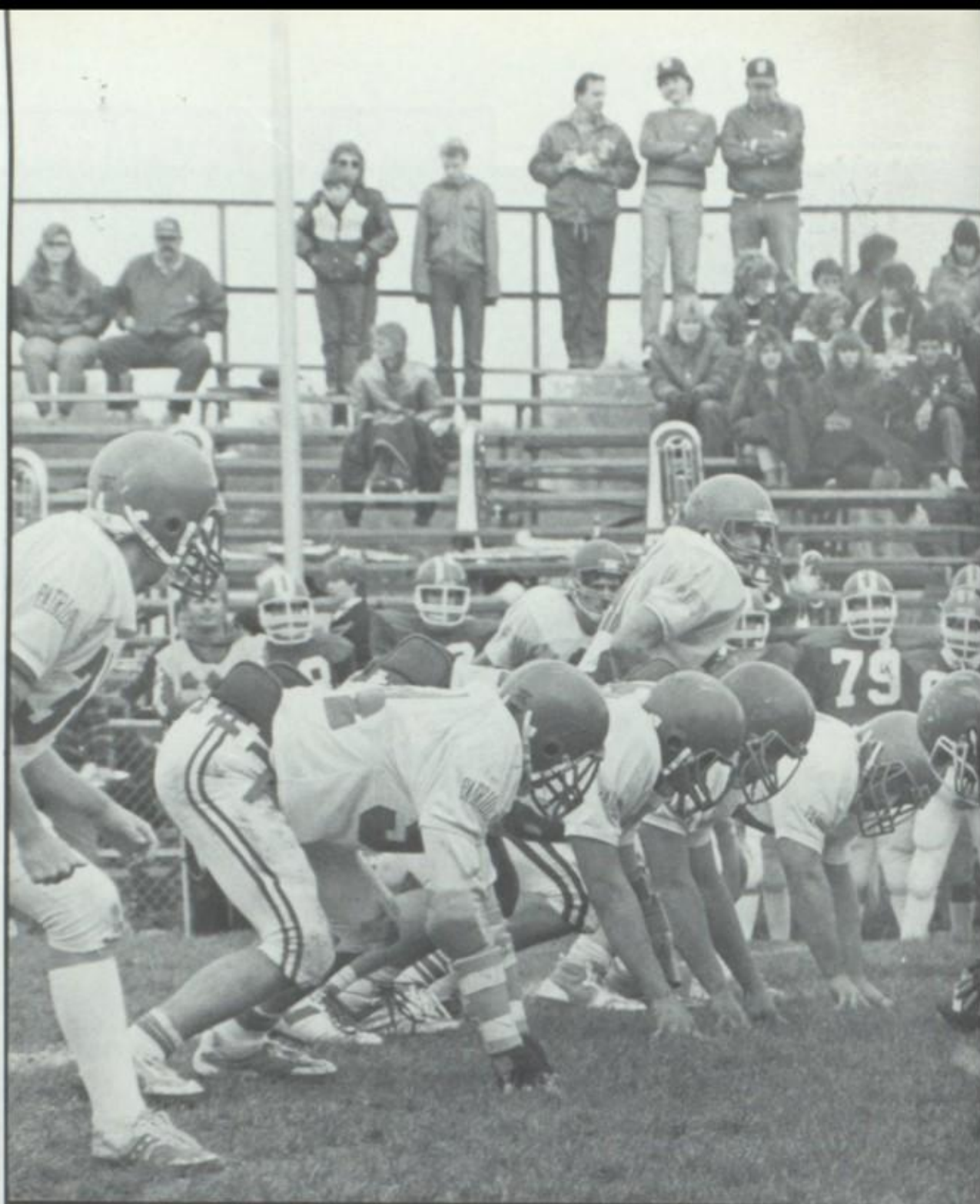


Senior Paul Omstead is felled by a shoulder injury. He was then replaced by sophomore Brian Rose. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



One of the best Patriots' defenses is ready for the surge. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

A knee injury to senior Scott Isaacs finishes him for the season. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



#### Varsity Football

Pats		Opp.
20	Southwest	12
0	Raytown	23
13	S.M. South	10
28	Hickman Mills	6
23	Wm. Chrisman	0
6	Lee's Summit	14
0	Blue Springs	21
8	Oak Park	0
14	Fort Osage	12
8	Park Hill	20
6 wins and 4 losses		

Ankle wrappings, knee problems and a few other minor injuries don't hurt big lineman Jim Beebe. When the season had ended and all the votes from all the coaches had come in, he received many honors: First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Area, and the Examiner's Defensive Player of the Year. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)





## Varsity Football

# Several recognized

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Senior wide-receiver Jeff Passantino supported this statement.

"Shawnee Mission South brought out the best in us," Jeff said.

"Everybody came together like a big family and showed team spirit," senior lineman Sean Hess said.

Regardless of this year's record, next year's team should be more experienced because of the playing time the underclassmen received this year.

Patriots were recognized for many All-Conference and All-Area honors. Offensive honors went to Jerry Vogel, First Team All-Conference and Second Team All-Area; Jim White, Second Team All-

Conference; and Scott Isaacs, All-Area Second Team.

Defensive honors included Tom White, First Team All-Conference and Second Team All-Area; Jim Beebe, First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Area and the Examiner's Defensive Player of the Year; Jim White, First Team All-Conference and First Team All-Area; Jeff Walker, First Team All-Conference and First Team All-Area; and Mike Tracy, First Team All-Conference, Second Team All-Area.

Honorable Mentions went to Jeff Passantino, All-Area and All-Conference; Larry Jenkins, All-Area; Paul Omstead, All-Area; Troy Pike, All-Area and All-Conference; Pace Brown, All-Area and All-Conference; Brad Kinne, All-Area and All-Conference; Monty Sinnett, All-Conference; Scott Isaacs, All-Conference.



**Front Row:** Troy Pike, Don Simmons, Jim Beebe, Jerry Vogel, Jeff Passantino, Kevin Griep. **Second Row:** Sean Hess, Philip Kelsay, Brian Rose, Pace Brown, Scott Isaacs, Brad Kinne, Mike Tracy. **Third Row:** Luke Helms, Jeff Walker, Jim White, Monty Sinnett, Tom White, Tim Kistler, Rick White, David Mitchell. **Back Row:** Tony Williams, Brian

Boyd, Larry Jenkins. This year's football team proves that team unity is a key to success. They gave what they had and dealt the best they could with the long-shots, Coach Talbott said. (Photo by Greg Carr)



# J.V. Football CONFIDENCE

*Movement of players hinders consistency*

by Brent Herrick

**T**his year's junior varsity football season ended with three wins, four losses, and two ties, beating Raytown, William Chrisman and Oak Park.

As in other seasons, players moving up to the varsity level as well as injuries caused the lineups to be changed each game. This hindered the team's consistency.

"It was a tough season because you had to play with whoever showed up at the games. Players were scrambled between varsity and junior varsity. But we really had good coaching," Rick White said.

"The players worked together in spite of injuries and younger players being brought up. This will help next year because the sophomores will have the added experience. Donnie Chambers and Lance Miller really helped us out as sophomores," junior back Tim Kistler said.

"It was a fun season but because of the losses, we were not confident and sometimes not ready to

*"We were really good toward the end of the year. Movement between teams hurt because we didn't stay together long enough to play as a team unit . . ."*

play," lineman Sean Sales said.

As the season progressed, their confidence improved because of practices against the varsity and game experience. It also helped the sophomore team members be accepted by the juniors. The team worked hard for their victories.

"We were really good toward the end of the year. Movement between teams hurt because we didn't stay together long enough to play as a team unit. With sophomores playing this year we should have more confidence for next year," sophomore David Mitchell said.

Coach Gene Millentree ably guided the junior varsity team again this year.

"We appreciated the efforts of Coach Millentree this year. He encouraged us to do our best," junior Grant Springer said.

We learned to work with the juniors and they accepted us as part of the team, not just younger players unable to contribute," sophomore Lance Miller concluded.

Junior Varsity		
Pats		Opp.
0	St. Joe Central	38
14	Raytown	7
0	Hickman Mills	12
35	Wm. Chrisman	8
7	Lee's Summit	48
8	Blue Springs	12
20	Oak Park	6
0	Fort Osage	0
3 wins, 4 losses and 2 ties		

Coach Millentree gives instructions for the next play. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)







**Front Row:** Grant Springer, Robert Shroyer, Donnie Chambers, Lance Miller, Scott Johnson. **Second Row:** Tim Williams, Troy Wisdom, Matt McNett, David Mit-

chell. **Third Row:** Jeff Brown, Stanley Keith, Brad Byers, Jared Fortman. **Back Row:** Rick Grove, Rick White, Sean Sales, Ken Boone, Kevin Johnson. (Photo by Greg Carr)



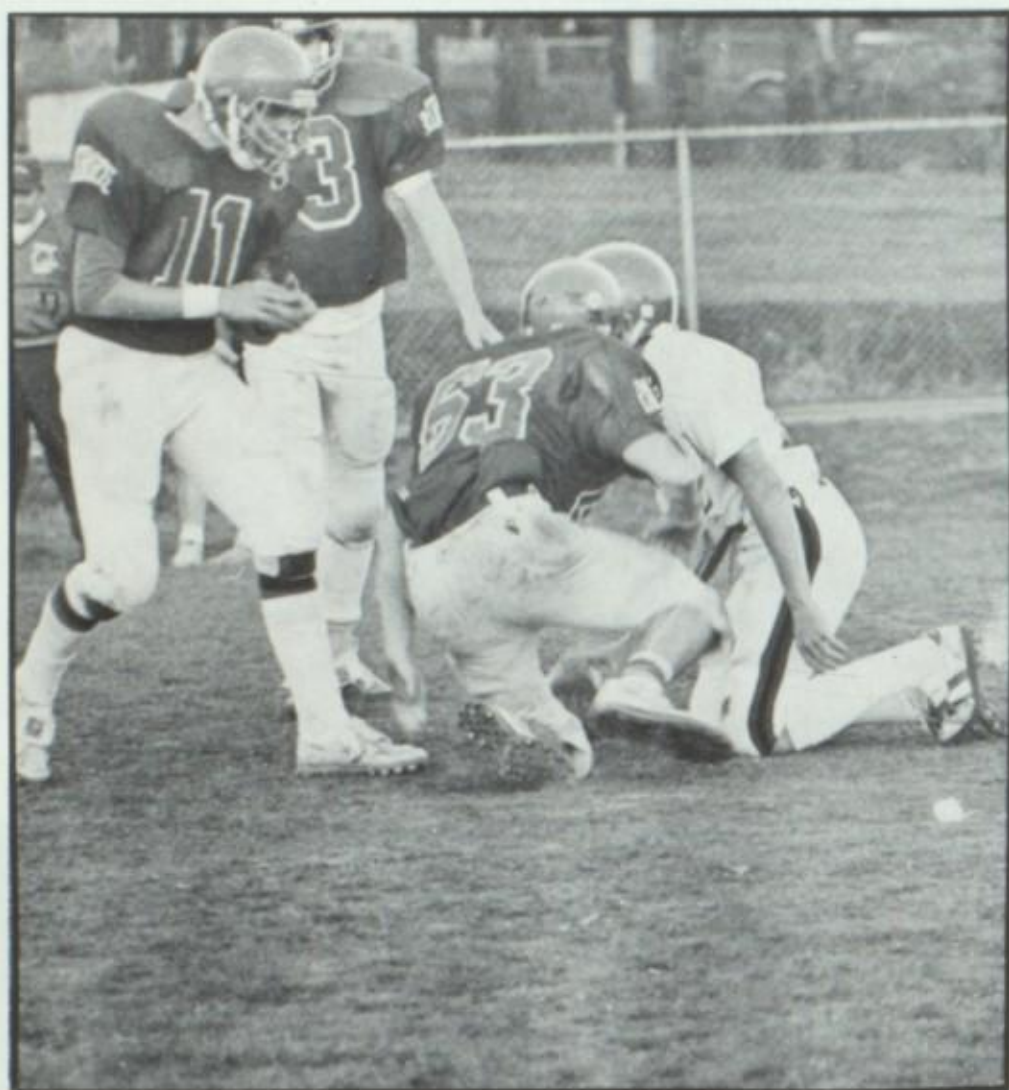
Looking downfield, quarterback Brian Rose spots his target. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

Sophomore David Mitchell shows consistency as a field goal kicker on both J.V. and varsity. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



The defensive front three take a breather before the play. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

The Patriots' defensive line is a strong asset to the team. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



**Front Row:** Steve Crew, Mark Mahaffey, Danny Turner, Scott Gregg, Danny Bradford, Mike Ruff, Cain Bay. **Second Row:** Randy Graves, Blake Smith, David Ostrander, Guy Downey, Jason Seubert, Eric Selesky. **Third Row:** Todd Sword, Scott Durst, Dwane Wingate, Mar-

cus Macias, Josh Kolb, Scott Lesh. **Fourth Row:** Damon Carrasco, Phillip Hung, Jimmy Brewer, Mike Whiteley, John George, Lance Schamberger, Chad Chafa. **Back Row:** Kevin Carl, Brad DiGirolamo, Chris Schroyer, Chris Dowdall, Jeff Miller, Mike Miller. (Photo by Greg Carr)



## Sophomore Football

# SELF-DISCIPLINE

*Healthy teammates create positive look for future*

by Brent Herrick

A healthy sophomore football team put together a positive look for the future of football at Truman. This year's team came close to an undefeated season with a 5-2 record, with one of the losses by only one point.

"I felt the kids had great enthusiasm and the experience they gained this year should help next year. Six different players scored winning touchdowns, proving every player had a role. Forty sophomores were spread among varsity, junior varsity and the sophomore program," Coach Bill Hopper said.

Self-discipline also added to the good record.

"This year's sophomores came prepared to play and we built on their preparation," Hopper commented.

Injuries did not pose a problem because of pre-season workouts.

"I felt the pre-season workouts kept me healthy for the season and I am going to continue

**"This year's sophomores came prepared to play and we built on their preparation."**

off-season conditioning," Scott Durst said.

"The boys were a good fourth quarter team doing what had to be done to win in the final period," Hopper added.

"Coach Hopper was really good to work with and knew what he was doing to make it a good season," lineman Brock Doubleddee said.

As in every sport, the goal is to play at the varsity level. This makes every player strive to give his best and to improve his skills.

"I work hard in every game and every practice to prepare for the chance of playing varsity," Doubleddee added.

Sophomore football is a stepping stone to junior varsity and varsity football. Usually enthusiasm plays a big role and this year was no exception.

"We learned a mental game as well as a physical game. We learned to work together as a unit," Rob Appleberry said.



Sophomore		
Pats		Opp.
6	Southwest	0
20	Raytown	14
6	S.M. South	7
33	Hickman Mills	8
	St. Joe Central	cancelled
12	Lee's Summit	13
14	Blue Springs	13
14	Oak Park	9
6	Fort Osage	0
6 wins and 2 losses		

Sophomore Jeff Miller shows no mercy on the Fort Osage back. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



# Freshman Football PROMISE

*Outstanding beginning gains winning season*

by Brent Herrick

**T**he first year of high school football is a learning experience for many freshmen and that was the case this year. After a good start, the freshman Patriots finished with a record of four wins, two losses and two ties.

"We played really good for freshmen. Mentally, we should have stayed together better than we did. We should have a strong team next year and I'm looking forward to playing. If we improve mentally by remaining alert, we will improve our record," Bill Roberts said.

"The season started out good for us. Then our front line broke down and the running game went bad. I'm looking forward to next year. If we improve our blocking and tackling, our record will also improve," Jeff Lupardus observed.

"Our year went all right until we lost to Blue Springs," Eric McDonald said. "Things started

going downhill and we couldn't get it turned around. I'm looking forward to next year already. I know we will not take any game lightly."

For Coach Bill Morris, in his first year as coach at Truman, the team showed promise.

"The season went pretty well. This was my first year to coach at Truman and I really enjoyed it. Our team showed great promise for the future. We started with sixty on the squad but dropped to only thirty at the end of the season. I hope we will have a good turnout in the sophomore program next year," concluded Morris, a former standout wide-receiver during his playing days at Truman.

"Our team did pretty well this year. Next year's team will be small but good I feel. We need to work on our team spirit though. After the Blue Springs loss and several injuries, our enthusiasm wasn't what it should have been," lineman Shawn Craig said.

*"The season went pretty well. This was my first year to coach at Truman and I really enjoyed it . . ."*

Freshman		
Pats		Opp.
26	Raytown	14
12	St. Joe Central	0
44	St. Pius	0
6	North Kansas City	20
12	Blue Springs	29
10	O'Hara	8
0	Ruskin	0
0	Wm. Chrisman	0
4 wins, 2 losses and 2 ties		

Passing is an effective weapon for the freshmen this year. (Photo by Greg Carr)







Running across the middle of the field for a pass poses no problems for wide receiver Jason Gilbertson. (Photo by Greg Carr)

On many running plays this year running back Juan Mora fights for every possible yard. (Photo by Greg Carr)



**Front Row:** Mike Barnes, John Dunham, Damon Ricketts, John Small, Bryan Hess, Jason Gilbertson, Jamie White. **Second Row:** Bobby Dominquez, Juan Mora, Lee Stauffer, Jason Davis, Sean Coughlin, Mike Hughes, Shawn Shippers. **Third Row:** Graham Bray, Steve Shipp, John McRoberts, Jeff Lupardus, Brian Kelsay, Troy Hanenkratt, Robert

Brady. **Fourth Row:** Jim Beard, Devlen Day, Mike Webb, Eric McDonald, David Keeton, Shawn Craig, Steve Ballard, Jay Smith. **Back Row:** David Roller, Kim Sword, Melvin Boyd, Ryan Hoffman, Bill Roberts, Troy Thomas, Tim Magana, Kevin Fletchall, Kinney Shinn. (Photo by Greg Carr)



# Homecoming

## BAD WEATHER

*Rain dampens crowning ceremony*

by Shannon Calohan

**R**ain and mud almost postponed this year's Homecoming game and for the seven candidates, it almost postponed the crowning.

"I was really depressed. We had all this excitement in us," senior Queen Sherry Koftan said.

"I was upset," attendant Sharla Brown said.

The crowning was going to have to be put off until the dance or the last game of the season.

"I knew that none of us wanted to have it at the dance. I called a meeting and we discussed it," Sharla said.

The cars were another setback. Instead of the traditional convertible Mustangs, the girls had to walk out on the field on a sheet of plastic and stand on carpet squares.

"Not having cars took a lot away from the traditional aspect of it. It wasn't so formal," Sharla said.

"Our heels put holes through the plastic. That

*"... We all had to adjust to the weather, though."*

made it harder to walk," she laughed.

"I was upset we didn't have cars. I was afraid I was going to fall down or my heel stick in the plastic," Sherry said.

What went through their minds on the field?

"I just remember having butterflies big time. My dad kept looking down at me and smiling. I know he was nervous. All I can remember was that I had to be the first one to walk away. I didn't expect it, though," Sherry said.

"It was funny; my mom almost fell off the bleachers," she said.

"The rain and mud scared me at first. I guess I was just afraid of falling down. We all had to adjust to the weather though," she said.

Other queen attendants were seniors Cari Christensen, Marcia Jarnigan, Becky Schafer, Lori Stuck and Aimee Wear.

Sherry was crowned during halftime, reigned throughout the rest of the game and at the dance which followed.



The Homecoming court sits in front of the "Up Where We Belong" backdrop at the dance after the game. (Photo by Doug Day)





**Homecoming Queen Sherry Koftan** glows with excitement at the dance after the game. (Photo by Doug Day)

**Being with friends** makes the Homecoming dance special and a lot of fun. (Photo by Doug Day)



**Bud Koftan**, Sherry's dad, escorts her off the field after she is crowned queen. (Photo by Greg Carr)

**Homecoming attendants.** First Row: Sharla Brown, Cari Christensen, Becky Schafer. Second Row: Aimee Wear, Lori Stuck, Marcia Jarnigan. (Photos by Doug Day)



## Varsity Volleyball

# SECTIONAL SHUTOUT

*Oak Park puts damper on team's spirit*

by Shannon Calohan

**F**or this year's Varsity Volleyball team the disappointment came at sectionals — they lost to Oak Park and were out of the race for State.

"We were ready to keep the season going," senior Shelly Kuhn said. "We thought there was a chance. We had beaten them in the tournament."

"I really wanted to, but I knew we had to play well, because we lost to them four times before," senior Heather Kuhnert said.

"It seemed like the odds were against us. We just couldn't win," senior Rochelle Kasten said.

"We played an outstanding second game. There was a camaraderie with Oak Park," Coach

*"It seemed like the odds were against us . . ."*

Chuck Harris said. "We weren't expected to beat Oak Park at sectionals, but we thought we could."

"The second game we were behind and then we came back. When we were behind in the third game, I wasn't worried. I thought we could come back again. I got frustrated when we couldn't. We were all tired. I could tell we all wanted to get it over with. We wanted to win, but we were tired. It just seemed frustrating," Rochelle said.

Their dreams were shattered, though, in that third game against Oak Park. They were behind and never could catch up.

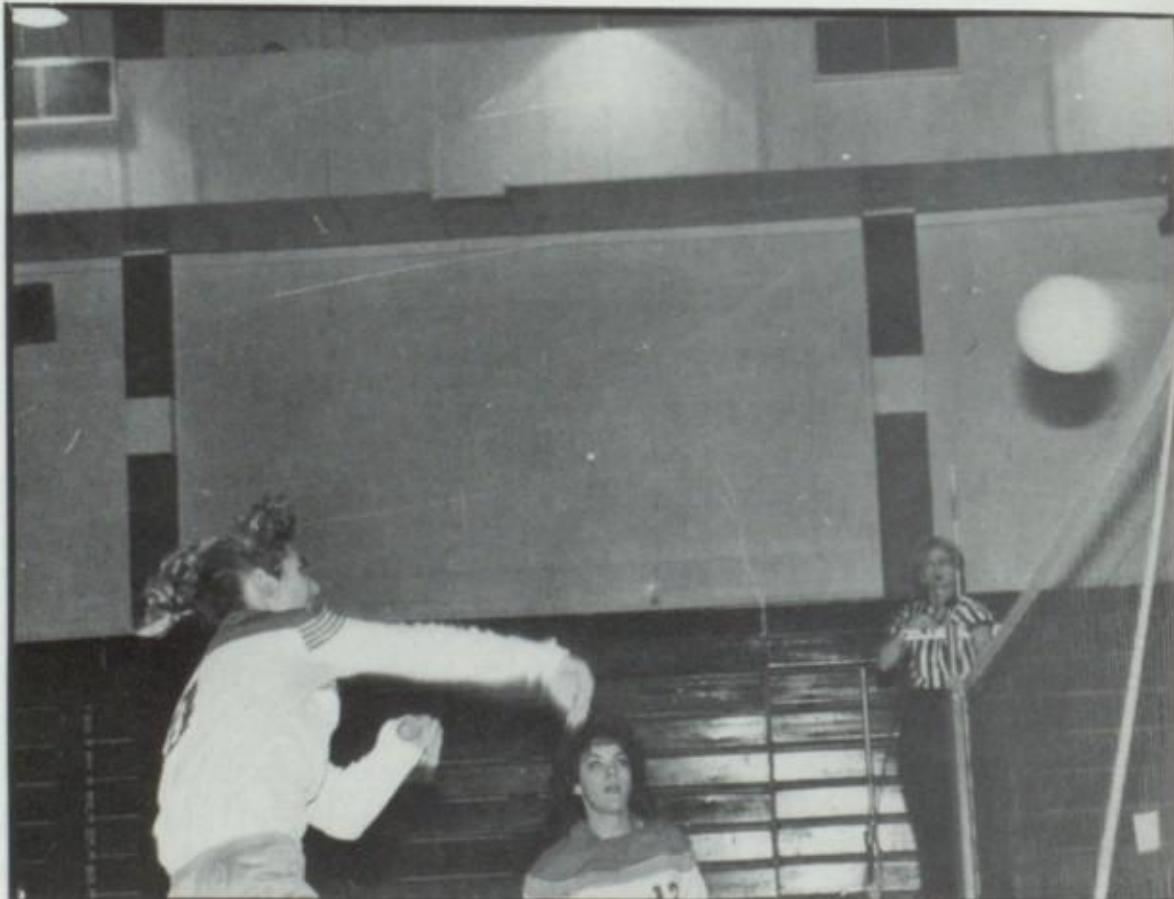
The team worked hard to get to sectionals. They would talk of going to State at practices.

"We had talked about going at practices. We got all excited and then we lost," Heather said.

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Jan Grotenhuis keeps her eye on the ball, hoping to make a point with her serve. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



Karen uses strength and determination to hit the ball as hard as she can to the other side. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Senior Karen Kinney anticipates where the next serve will land, by getting as close to the net as possible. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



In between serves, junior Shelly Lauber takes a breather to regain her strength. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Spiking the ball to score a point takes a lot of height. For senior Rochelle Kasten, it is easy. (Photo by Greg Carr)



First Row: Kris Earhart, Mary Biondo, Jan Grotenhuis, Shelley Lauber, Heather Kuhnert. Second Row: Shelly Kuhn, Rochelle Kasten, Sarah Conyers, Karen Kinney, Suzanne Conyers, Kelly Eaton. Back Row: Julie Graybill, Kelly Clark.



**Bumping** is just one of the many skills junior Jan Grotenhuis demonstrates during a game. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

**Flying high**, junior Sarah Conyers gives her all to make a difficult hit. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



**Congratulating the opposing team** is a ritual the varsity team members do at every game. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)





# Varsity Volleyball

## Disappointing loss

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"Everybody was crying," Shelly said. "We thought we could beat them since we had lost to them so many times. We thought we could this once since they were the only team we couldn't beat," Rochelle said.

The team started out with a few problems. They won games, but they won them individually, not as a team.

"At the beginning we didn't work together. We played the best we could, though," Shelly said.

"We made several changes when Shelley (Lauber) left and came back again. They were kept off balance at the beginning of the year. They didn't feel close until midway through the season," Harris said.

"We were individuals at the beginning of the season. We knew at the end what each other was going to do. We knew almost what the other was thinking," Rochelle said.

Beating Chrisman at home and beating St. Teresa's at sectionals are two highlights most of the team agrees on.

"When we beat Chrisman during regular season play was definitely a high point

I think," Rochelle said.

"Beating St. Teresa's gave us a chance to go on and play Oak Park," Shelly said.

"St. Teresa's was ranked fourth or fifth in the Kansas City Star. When we beat them, it was great," Heather said.

"We had a fine season overall. We beat almost everyone else. We also won our District," Harris said.

For the four seniors on the team, the loss to Oak Park struck hard. They had played together for four years and this was the end of it.

"I'm going to miss the whole team. It was the best team I've ever played with," Rochelle said.

"I felt hurt because I knew that I'd never play for Truman again. That's probably what hit me the hardest," Heather said.

However, through all of the problems, the team stayed dedicated to each other throughout the season.

"We were really close. We got along pretty good. Any time you are together as a team, it goes better," Heather said.

"I felt our team was really good, but there's always somebody better," Rochelle said.

"It was a fun year, though," Shelly concluded.

Junior Mary Biondo, hits the ball as hard as she can to get the ball back over to the other side. (Photo by Greg Carr)



After teammate Shelley Lauber falls while making a hit, senior Heather Kuhnert helps her to her feet. (Photo by Greg Carr)

### Varsity Volleyball

Raytown South	15-5, 15-8
Excelsior Springs	15-1, 15-7
Hickman Mills	15-6, 15-12
Wm. Chrisman	15-8, 10-15, 15-9
Oak Park	9-15, 15-9, 13-15
Park Hill	17-15, 16-14
Fort Osage	16-14, 15-12
Blue Springs	15-0, 15-3
Lee's Summit	9-15, 15-11, 15-5
Oak Park	11-15, 9-15
Park Hill	15-5, 15-3
Fort Osage	15-7, 7-15, 15-7
Johnson County	
Tournament	2nd
Truman Tournament	3rd
Districts	1st
Sectionals	2nd
23 wins, 6 losses and 1 tie	



## J.V. Volleyball

# WORKING TOGETHER

*Team finds working together is better*

by Shannon Calohan

**T**eamwork. That was the major factor on this year's J.V. volleyball team.

"At the beginning of the season, we didn't really play as a team. We played for ourselves, not together," sophomore Melissa Sherman said.

The team started out on a losing streak. They needed a turn-around. That came when they took second at the Hickman Mills Tournament:

"When we took second, we learned how each of us played. We started to help each other out," Melissa said.

"It was frustrating to lose all those games at the beginning of the season while Varsity was winning theirs," sophomore Amy Rold said. "Our first big tournament was a big turn-around. We started working together as a team. Our attitudes improved."

"We finally learned that we had to play as a

*"We learned how to help each other out. If there was someone down, there was always someone there to cheer them up."*

team — not individually," sophomore Sherri Glentzer said.

Losing to Oak Park was frustrating for the team. They all felt they could beat them:

"When Oak Park beat us it was sad. We wanted to beat them so bad. Losing to Chrisman was also real frustrating. We thought we were going to beat them, too," Sherri said.

"Since we beat them last year, we thought we could again. We knew a lot of people which made it kind of like a revenge," Melissa said.

The Hickman Mills tournament brought the whole team closer together.

"We learned how to help each other out. If there was someone down, there was always someone there to cheer them up," Melissa said.

Learning to play better took time. They not only had to practice, but they also had to learn to play together. This brought them closer together.

Playing together made us play better. It was almost like we knew what the other person was thinking. It helped our team a lot," Sherri said.

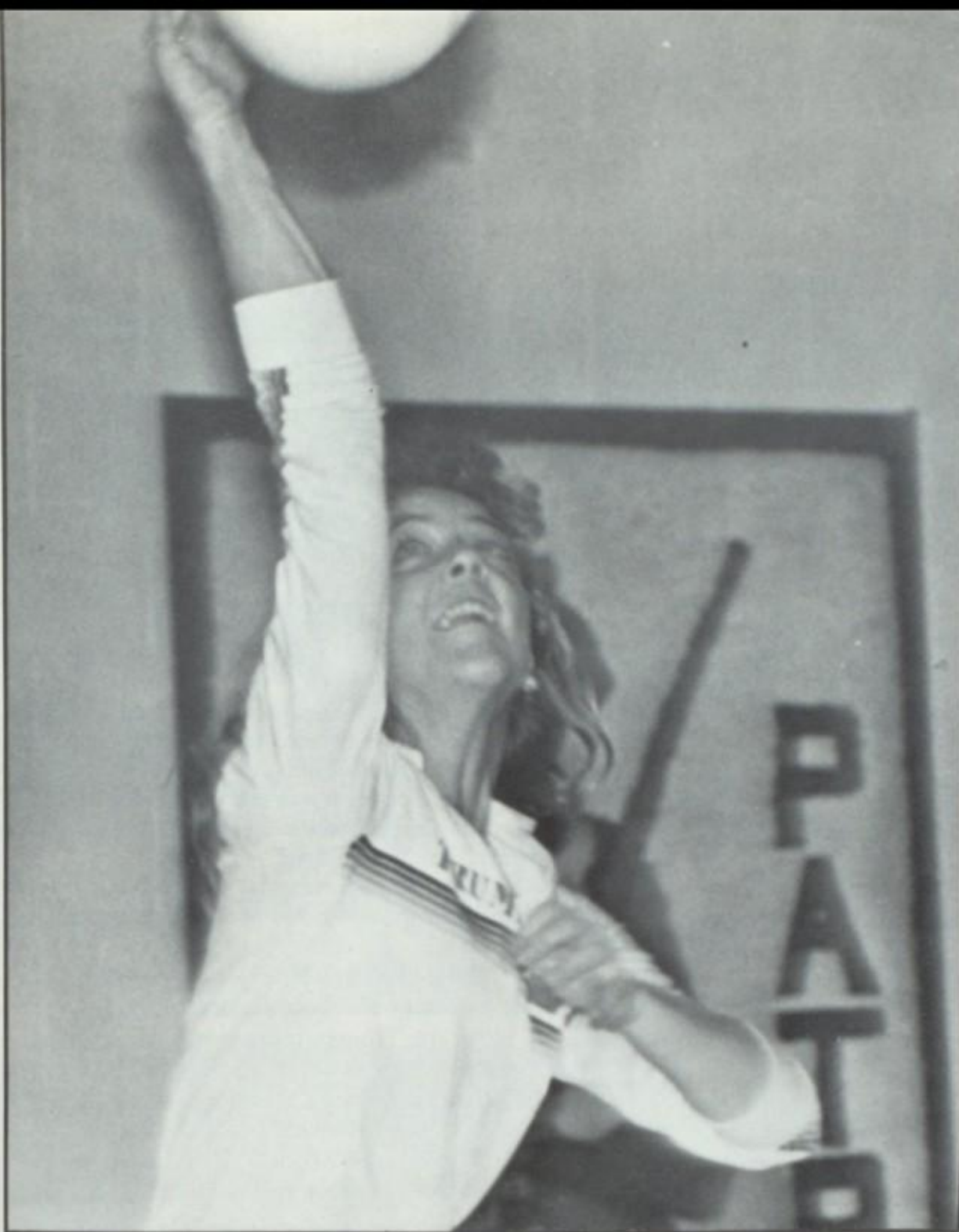


Coach Chuck Harris discusses plays on the court with assistant coach Donna Schuler. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Just barely missing the ball, sophomore Suzanne Conyers reaches to keep the opposite team from scoring a point. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)





Sophomore Erika Leukens reaches to make sure her serve is powerful and makes a point.  
(Photo by Greg Carr)

#### J.V. Volleyball

Raytown South	15-10, 15-8
Excelsior Springs	9-15, 15-10, 15-9
Hickman Mills	15-0, 6-15, 15-4
Wm. Chrisman	15-10, 9-15, 6-15
Park Hill	13-15, 14-16
Oak Park	13-15, 15-10, 15-13
Fort Osage	15-4, 4-15, 15-2
Blue Springs	15-8, 2-15, 15-3
Lee's Summit	15-13, 4-15, 15-6
Oak Park	6-15, 3-15
Park Hill	15-12, 9-15, 15-7
Fort Osage	16-14, 13-15, 15-4
Blue Springs	15-4, 15-12
Lee's Summit	12-15, 12-15
Oak Park Tournament	4th
Hickman Mills Tournament	2nd
15 wins, 7 losses and 1 tie	



Front Row: Amy Rold, Sherri Glentzer, Roxanne Wood, Melissa Sherman, Suzanne Conyers, Kelly Eaton. Second Row: Dixie Datwieler, Laura Pricer, Tina Schannuth, Suzi Twiehaus, Rayna Steen, Erika Leukens.  
(Photo by Greg Carr)



# Freshman Volleyball

## HARDWORKING

*Inexperience doesn't stop team*

by Shannon Calohan

**I**nexperience didn't seem to hurt this year's freshman volleyball team, because as Joey Fox said, "A lot of us already knew each other. We were all pretty good friends."

"I had a lot of friends on the team. We all got along pretty well," Tricia Horn said.

The team did have to work hard. They were up at school at least a month before school even started.

"We had to work about a month before the school year started. It was in the hot, sweaty gym," Tricia said.

All those hours of practice paid off. The team had a winning streak at the beginning of the season.

"It was really neat winning all those games and being undefeated for a long time," Tricia said.

"When we were on our winning streak, it was great for us. We all got along pretty good," Tricia O'Hara said.

Beating Chrisman in the first game brought

*"We had to work about a month before the school year started . . ."*

excitement. Most of the team knew the players on the Chrisman team.

"Beating Chrisman was great. Everybody knew each other. We wanted to beat them to get even with them, you could say. We wanted to show them that our team was the best," Joey said.

The Truman tournament was a big disappointment. They placed fifth.

"Our first tournament we did really bad. We were all down and nothing could get us back up," Horn said.

"I felt like our whole season was over when we lost it. Everyone was really down," she said.

"In the Truman tournament when we started losing everyone got real down," Joey said.

However, the team had a fun year. They said they put forth their best and had a successful year.

"It was a lot of fun. You have to be friends with all the people or you don't get along. It was a lot of conditioning. But the coaches spent a lot of time with you," Karen Manade said.

"All the hard work paid off. It was really worth it," Horn said.

### Freshman A Team Volleyball

Raytown South	15-7, 11-15, 16-14
Center	11-15, 15-10, 11-15
Hickman Mills	15-5, 15-3
Wm. Chrisman	17-15, 15-5
Park Hill South	15-5, 15-13
Park Hill North	15-8, 11-15, 15-10
Lee's Summit	15-0, 15-7
Blue Springs	10-15, 11-15
Oak Park	7-15, 10-15
Wm. Chrisman	15-5, 15-17, 8-15
Raytown	15-1, 15-0
Excelsior Springs	15-9, 15-17, 15-13
Excelsior Springs	
Tournament 3rd	
Truman Tournament	Did not place
9 wins and 3 losses	



Jennifer Wishon and Karen Manade watch the ball after Joey Fox hits it into the other court.  
(Photo by Tim Mitchell)



Eyes on the ball, Shauna Mead waits for the serve from the opposing team. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



Hitting the ball with all her might, Diane Friend tries to keep the ball from going out of bounds. (Photo by Greg Carr)



#### Freshman B Team Volleyball

Raytown South	15-7, 11-15, 16-14
Hickman Mills	15-11, 15-7
Wm. Chrisman	2-15, 15-13, 15-10
Park Hill South	15-10, 16-14
Park Hill North	15-1, 15-7
Lee's Summit	15-8, 12-15, 15-12
Blue Springs	7-15, 15-5, 11-15
Oak Park	15-2, 13-15, 11-15
Wm. Chrisman	13-15, 15-11, 11-15
Raytown	15-8, 14-16, 15-13
Excelsior Springs	11-15, 5-15
Truman Tournament	Did not place
7 wins and 4 losses	



First Row: Cindy Fitzpatrick, Melssa Salazar, Jennifer Wishon, Teresa Howery, Stephanie Detillier, Kerry Lunsford, Diane Friend. Second Row: Melissa Edwards, Heather Harper, Tricia Horn, Kathleen Reagan, Tracy Gordon, Tina Carry. Third Row: Nicole Basinger, Sonja Zimmerman, Julie Gregovich, Shauna Mead, Christina Sandifer. Fourth Row: Karen Manade, Stacy Downs, Becky Bacus, Heather McCoy. Fifth Row: Sandra Boltz, Joey Fox, Tricia O'Hara. Sixth Row: Managers: Bridgette Bingham and Jill Hodson. (Photo by Angie Proctor)



Keeping her eyes on the ball, Tricia Horn makes sure she follows through on her serve. Tricia was on A Team Volleyball. (Photo by Angie Proctor)



## Varsity Soccer

# SUDDEN DEATH

*Split personality possesses team*

by Mary Kackley

**I**t was two seasons in one for this year's varsity soccer team. From their explanations the first eight games were all theirs, but the last games

... "The first half of the season was great . . . the second half? Not too good," senior David Snapp said.

"We won our first game 3-2 over Grandview. We then won Winnetonka at the tournament, 3-2; we were enthused about that because they are a hard team," senior Wes Kramer said.

"I think after winning the first several games in a row we stopped playing as a team," David said.

"Everybody tried to be the hero; we started to play as individuals not a team," junior Tom Demark said, who played on varsity once in a while.

Although some team members agreed that this was the problem, others tended to disagree.

"It wasn't that we stopped playing as a team; I

*"... We played the first half of the season for our team, the second half for ourselves."*

think why we started to lose was because a few people were sick and missing crucial games during the last half of the season," senior Steve Goerz said.

Beside these problems, other problems sneaked their way into the games, all of which provoked the losses. Tom explained.

"We weren't passing the ball as quick and as good as in earlier games. We also weren't getting the breaks as before."

Overall, however, the team won more games than lost and tied once with Raytown South, 1-1. Most team members said that they tried their best, and most agreed that the major reason for the "not too good" second half of the season was that after losing six games in a row, it affected them mentally and emotionally.

"Losing those games discouraged most of us. The biggest let down was when we won the first game we played against Fort Osage, 4-0. We thought for sure we would kill them in the tournament; we lost 2-3," Wes said.



All right . . . Truman wins another game.  
(Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Concentrating on their team's performance, Coaches Demark and Drinkwater watch from the sidelines. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Senior Gerry Starr uses his ball-handling abilities to quickly move the ball up-field in order to score another point for his team. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



**Front Row:** Greg Martinez, Mark Walker. **Second Row:** Jeff Glidewell, Tom Demark, Scott Schumaker, Tim Sutton, Kevin Weiss, Gerry Starr, David Snapp, Pat Rigby, Rondal Bronson, Tom Safley (manager). **Back Row:** Coach Demark, Steve Goerz, Steve Martin, Spencer Palmer, Dan Serig, Wes Kramer, Bryan Smith, Eric Melton, Brian Drinkwater, Brian Gamble, Coach Drinkwater. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Right fullback, Wes Kramer, quickly kicks the ball away from his opponent to one of his teammates. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

#### Varsity Soccer

	Record
Raytown	6-0
Fort Osage	4-0
Center	2-1
Oak Park	0-4
Winnetonka	4-1
Wm. Chrisman	4-1
Englewood Christian	4-1
Park Hill	2-1
Raytown South	1-1
O'Hara	0-4
Lee's Summit	0-2
North K.C.	6-0
Grandview	1-2
Blue Springs	0-1
Liberty	0-2
Barstow	2-1
Winnetonka Tournament	1st
K.C. Invitational	7th
12 wins, 9 losses and 1 tie	



Goalie John DeYoung shows it takes speed and mental coordination to keep the ball under control. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



### J.V. Soccer

J.V.	Record
Raytown	2-3
Fort Osage	0-3
Center	3-3
Oak Park	0-3
Winnetonka	1-1
William Chrisman	1-1
Englewood Christian	7-4
N.K.C.	4-0
Park Hill	1-2
Raytown South	4-3
Lee's Summit	4-1
Grandview	1-3
Blue Springs	3-3
Liberty	2-1
Barstow	0-1



**Front Row:** Coach Demark, Scot Snelson, Tom Demark, Aaron Shumaker, Glen Harder, Matt Sutton, Billy Ruhling, Jay Meyer, Derk Bedsworth, Pat Rigby, Jeff Travis, Coach Drinkwater. **Back Row:** Tim Wheeler, Jeff Glidewell, Robert Wagner, Greg Kruel,

Shaun Horner, Darrin O'Dell, David Starr, David Safley, Rondal Bronson, Scott McCormack, John DeYoung, Brian Drinkwater, Brian Gamble. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



## J.V. Soccer

# THE BIG HEAT

*First victory inspires team to get 'caught in the game'*

by Mary Kackley

**J.** V. soccer players showed outstanding improvement this year as it was the first time in two years they ever won a game and — even went on to win four more.

"We finally won a game!" sophomore John DeYoung said. "At first, we weren't doing so well, we were losing every game until we played Englewood Christian . . . easy game. We don't really consider that our first game we ever won."

"Raytown South was tough; we beat them . . . that's the first J.V. has ever won," junior Brian Smith said.

Considering soccer has only been in Truman for two years and this year's J.V. is beginning the tradition of having a great soccer team, this was quite an accomplishment for team members.

"Winning Raytown South gave us inspiration,

**"Winning Raytown South gave us inspiration, like we caught fire and wanted to keep winning."**

like we caught fire and wanted to keep winning," John said.

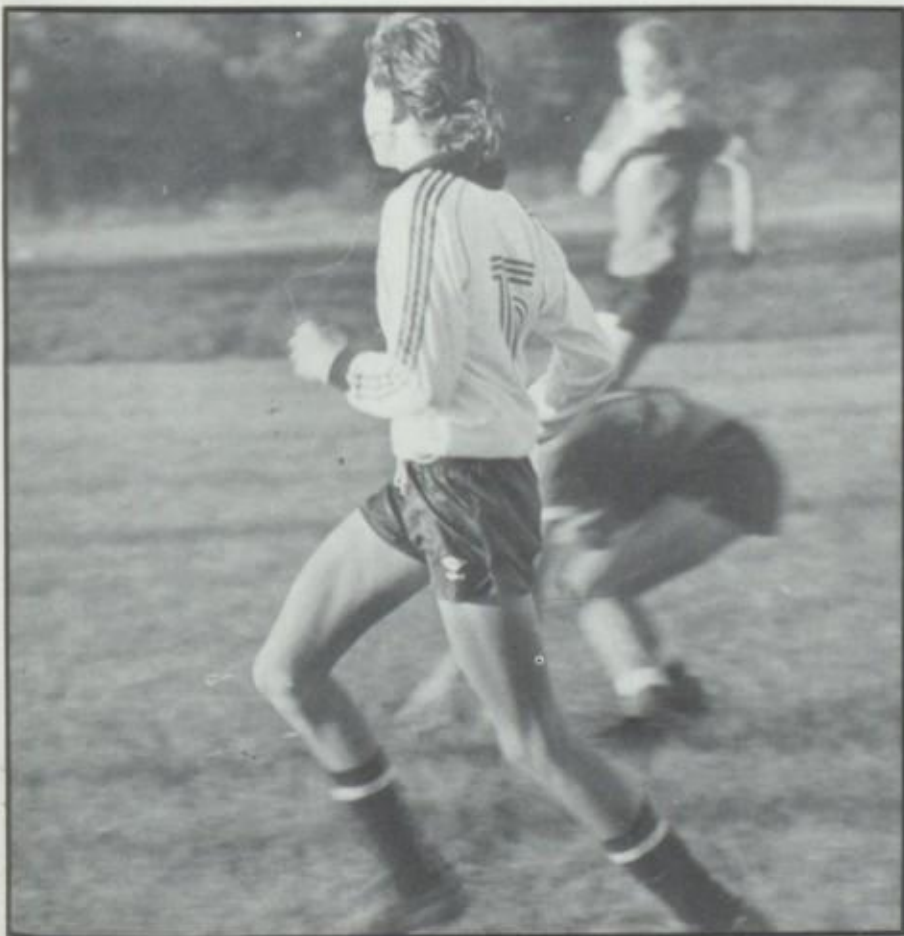
"We started playing mentally and physically prepared," Brian said.

"Winning became routine compared to the year before," John said.

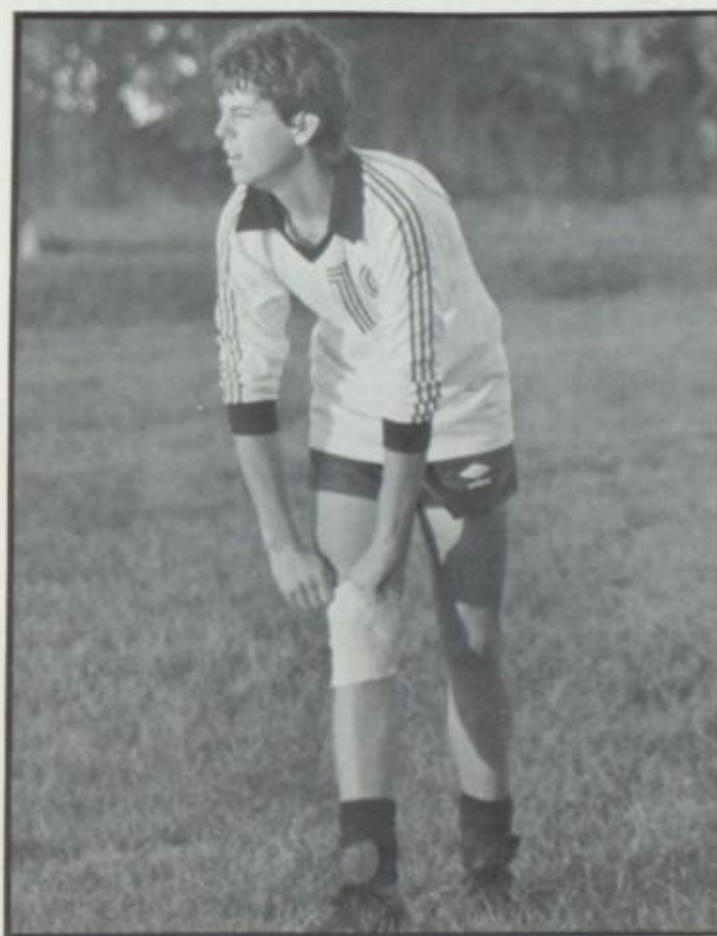
In 1984 the team tied only a few times. The difference between the team and how they played in 1984 from 1985 was the coaching, plus, better freshmen. John explains:

"Demark was great! Drinkwater was good, too. They both pushed the team together and we got our act together. We had team spirit and team determination."

"The freshmen were good, too. They had great potential and were better than the year before. We had better defense, too," Brian said. "I think next year's J.V. looks good as well as next year's varsity."



**Tom Demark** quickly runs for the ball to keep it away from the defensive players. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



**Junior Brian Smith**, playing mid-field, awaits for the ball with anxiety. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



# Varsity Tennis

## COMPETITION

*Tennis team struggles to compete with the best*

by Brent Herrick

**T**he varsity tennis team ended its season with a losing record. However, they struggled with in a tough conference.

"We tried the best we could to compete with the best," senior Beth Bundschu said.

"We tried our hardest to win, but we just couldn't seem to find the winning touch," senior Debbie Shaft said.

Robert Skelton began this year as the new Truman varsity tennis coach. He found his first year of coaching tennis rough but challenging.

"I really enjoyed coaching the girls. They worked hard and supported each other as a team," Skelton said.

"I felt Coach Skelton was a good coach who taught me fundamentals I hadn't learned from other coaches. I think with experience he should really be good for the tennis program at Truman," senior Gayla Gibson said.

Another tough problem was the lack of sup-

*"We tried the best we could to compete with the best."*

port for tennis as few girls tried out for the team.

"I just don't think Truman is a tennis-oriented school. We don't have the support like Oak Park and some of the other big schools," Gibson added.

As in any other sport, fan support is a welcome motivator for the players but the tennis team seemed to have lacked it.

"Tennis just doesn't draw the spectators. I know the girls missed it, but we just had to play, anyway," Skelton added.

Although the girls had a losing season, they practiced vigorously and retained positive attitudes.

"We really did practice with intensity. Running was emphasized for our conditioning and we spent hot days on the court," Shaft added.

"I learned from a good tennis player, Coach Skelton. He came early to practices and taught us the things we needed and wanted to learn like the basic fundamentals. I basically went out to have fun and wasn't worried about losing. I didn't feel pressured to give any more than my best," senior Lori Stuck said.

Varsity Tennis		
Pats		Opp.
1	North Kansas City	6
0	Center	5
0	Oak Park	5
1	Blue Springs	4
5	Chrisman	0
5	Ruskin	0
0	Lee's Summit	5
1	Pembroke Hill	4
0	Winnetonka	5
4	Belton	1
1	Blue Springs	4
0	Park Hill	5
1	Liberty	4
Conference 6th		

Practice helps senior Debbie Shaft tune her game. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

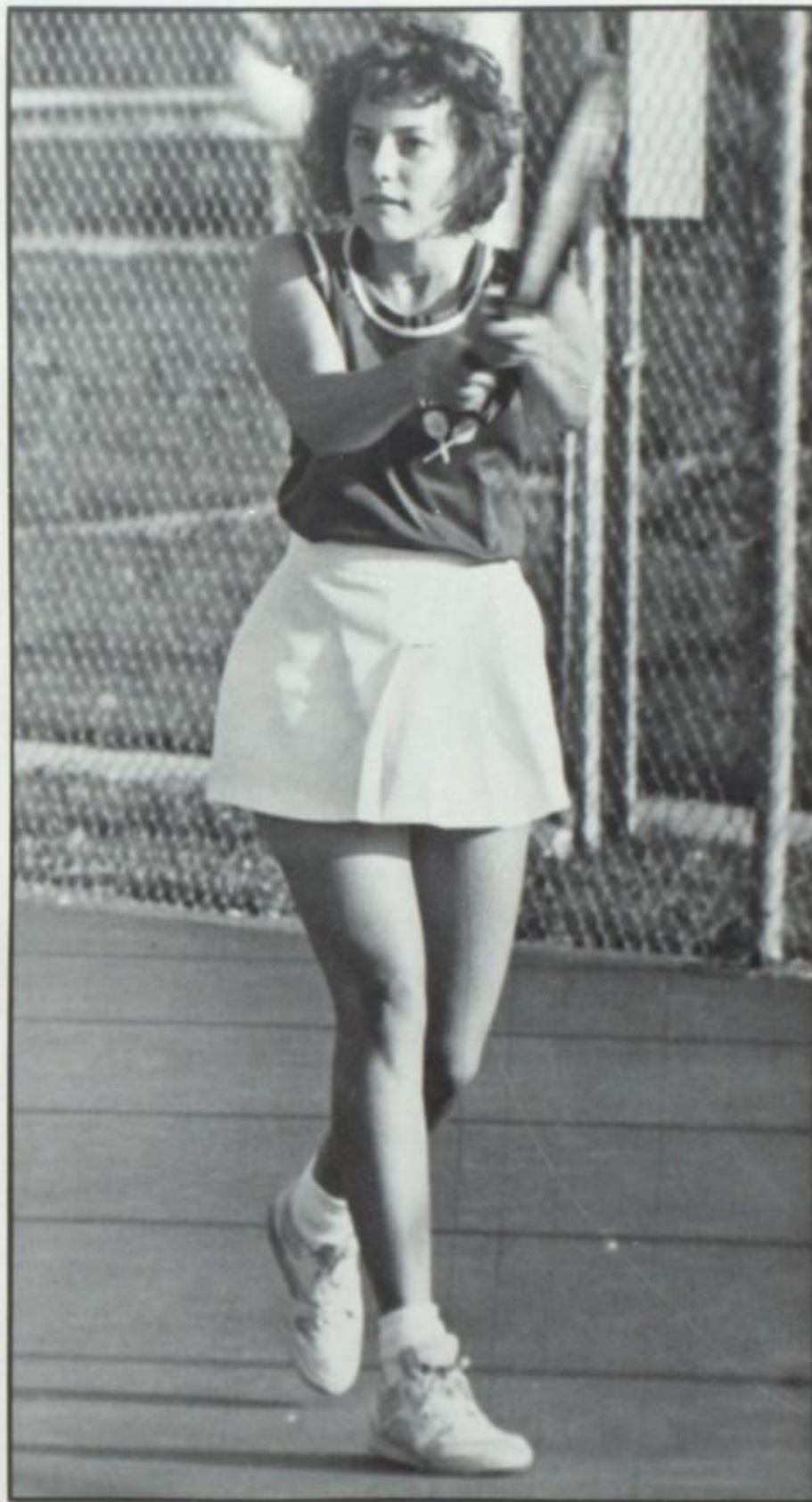




**Front Row:** Debbie Shaft, Beth Bundschu. **Back Row:** Katie White, Gayla Gibson. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



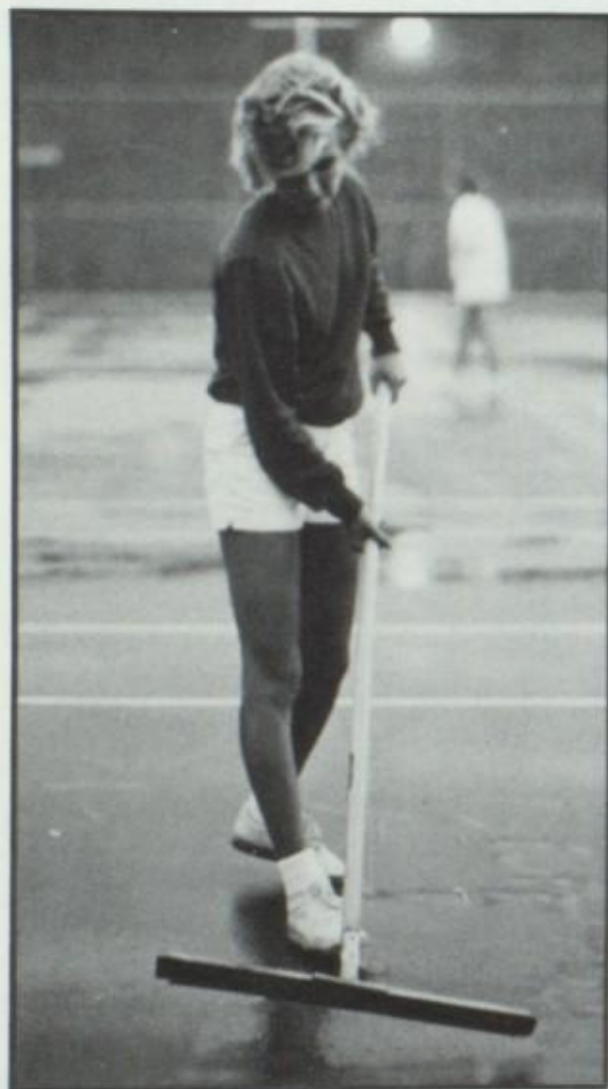
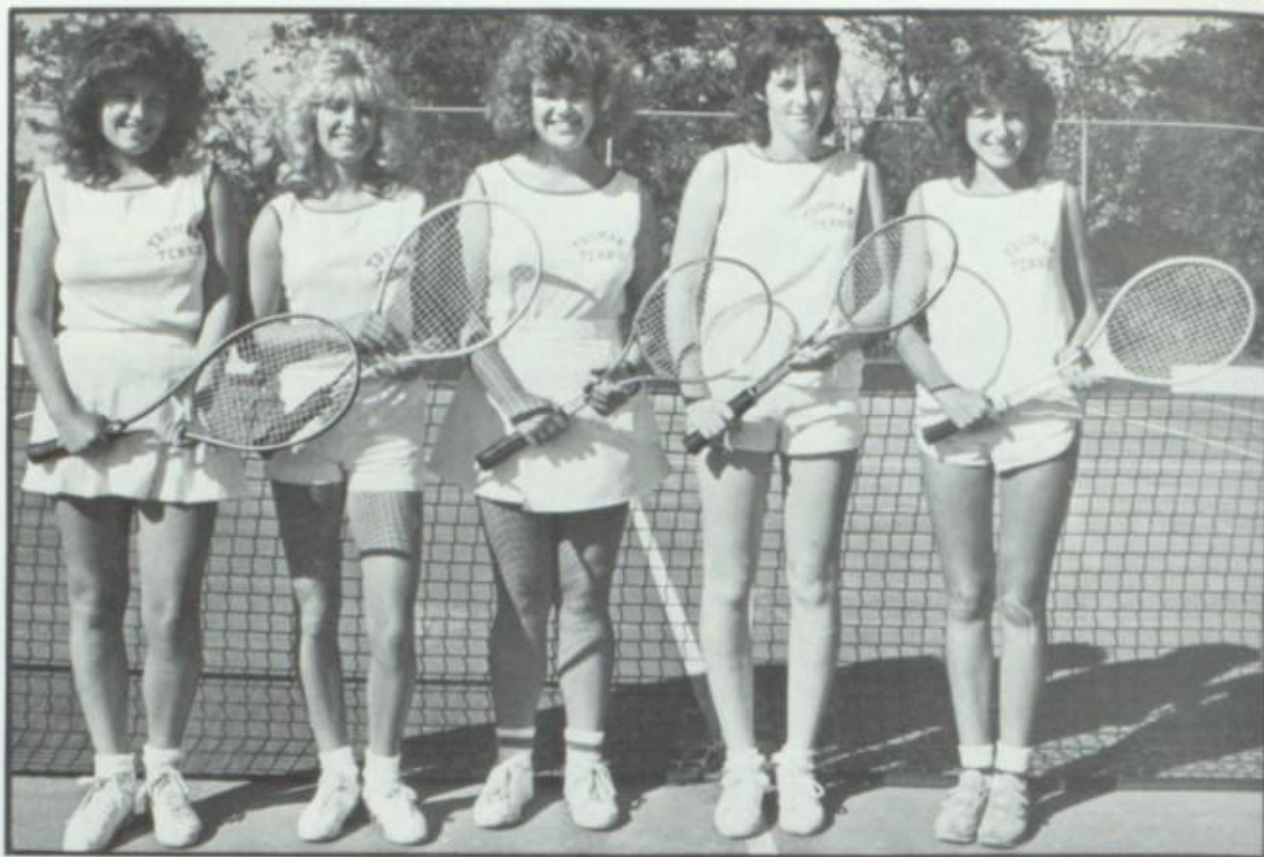
**Senior Gayla Gibson** discusses problems of concern with coach Skelton. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



**Eye contact** on the tennis ball plays an important part of senior Beth Bundschus game. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

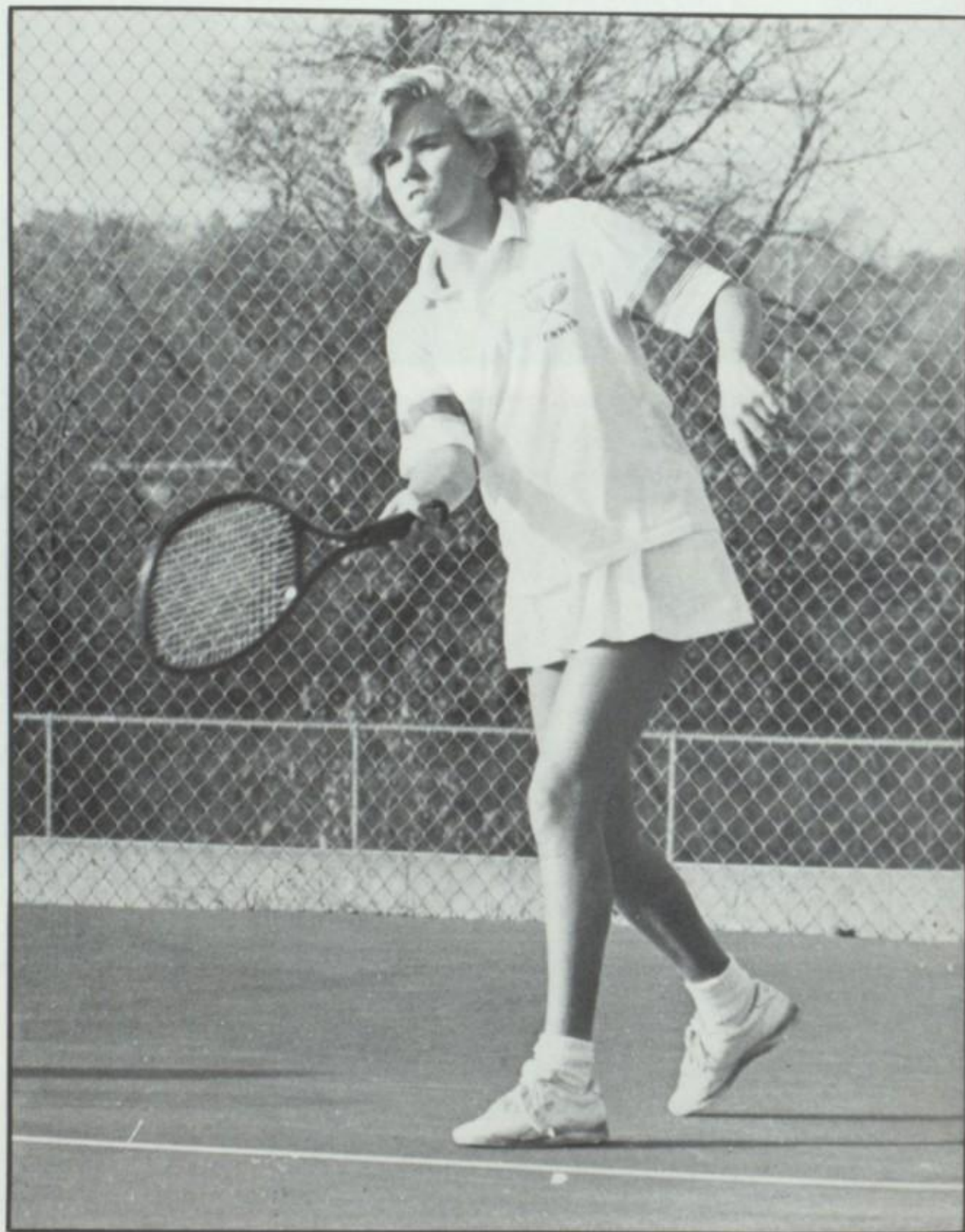


**Carla Carr, Jenny McFadden, Robin Bergschneider, Cindy Board, Cheri Williams.** Not pictured, Becky McFadden. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



**Junior Becky McFadden** uses a squeegee to mop up water on the court in order to practice. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)

**Practicing the essential swings** are part of a everyday warming up for Becky. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)





## J.V. Tennis

# PASSIVE ATTITUDE

*Unlucky year results in losses*

by Shannon Calohan

**A**n inexperienced junior varsity tennis team had an unfortunate year of losses, and according to junior Becky McFadden, "I don't think we had enough experience this year."

"A lot of people had never played that much. I had never played that much. I learned a lot, though," freshman Cindy Board said.

"The J.V. team had a lot of beginners. Most of them had never played before," sophomore Heather McIntosh said.

"The team had a bunch of new people this year. A lot of last year's team didn't come back this year," sophomore Robin Bergschneider said. "We really weren't experienced at tennis. Most of us had never played before."

This inexperience caused many losses. The team, however, stayed together throughout the season.

"We lost quite a few games in a row. You wanted the team to be proud of you when you played," Robin said.

*"The J.V. team had a lot of beginners . . ."*

"We really didn't get that much practice in. Half of the team quit on us in the middle of the season," Becky said. "The inexperience was the losing part of it. I wish we could have won more games."

There were several close matches. The team didn't do as badly as its record shows.

"Even though we lost more matches than we won, there were a lot of games we should have won," Heather said.

"We didn't have a winning season, but if we lost, we didn't get that upset. We wanted to win, but we didn't let it overcome us," Becky said. "We went out there to have fun, too."

The team agreed that the away matches were the best. They were full of enthusiasm. The team was more "together" at away games.

"We always cheered for each other more at away games," freshman Cheri Williams said.

"It was fun going to away matches. When we weren't playing, we were having fun," Heather said.

"Being at the away games was more fun. We could go out to eat afterwards," Cheri said.



J.V. Tennis		
Pats		Opp.
0	North K.C.	5
0	Center	5
0	Oak Park	5
0	Blue Springs	5
2	Ruskin	3
0	Lee's Summit	5
1	Pembroke Hill	4
1	Winnetonka	4
2	Belton	3
1	Blue Springs	4
	Park Hill	no J.V.
4	Liberty	1
	Conference	6th
1 win and 10 losses		

Junior Katie White uses concentration and skill to return serves in practice. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



## Varsity Boys' X-Country

# GREAT POTENTIAL

*Summer practices don't pay off as expected*

by Mary Kackley

**T**he boys' varsity Cross Country team showed improvement and great potential this year; however, team members said it was the worse season they've had.

"The season started out well; there was team spirit and we were having fun. But, as the season progressed our team spirit gradually declined and we stopped running as well," senior Mike Austell said.

"I think we stopped giving it our 100 percent; there was too much pressure. There was pressure from the coach which came from the younger runners running varsity," junior Rich Cummings said.

Along with pressure and the lack of team spirit, team members thought they over-practiced during the summer.

"We practiced constantly during the summer; we wanted to. We wanted to go to state and do good. I think, though, we practiced too much and forgot to have fun," Mike said.

"We got too serious; it wasn't the coach's

*"We practiced constantly during the summer; we wanted to. We wanted to go to state and do well."*

fault; it was our own," Rich said.

With these downfalls, it made some team members' attitudes change about running.

"My attitude was scared and nervous. It was the first time I've ever ran varsity and I should have thought more positively before a race," sophomore Tim Morgan said.

"The potential was there for all of us, we were discouraged and didn't use it," Mike said.

Although it may sound like the season was all negative, there were positive points too. The team placed third at Truman Invitationals and third at Hazelwood East and first at the Independence City Meet.

"There were 10 varsity letters handed out at the sports banquet," Coach Tom Billington said. "Robert Chow was mentioned All-Conference, All-District and All-Metro."

"It was my first year running varsity and I got my letter; I was happy about that," Tim said.

Chad Puckett and Jim Bullard also received varsity letters, along with James Sabastion, Cummings, Mark Kragel, Sean Nunn and Austell receiving their second varsity and Chow his fourth.

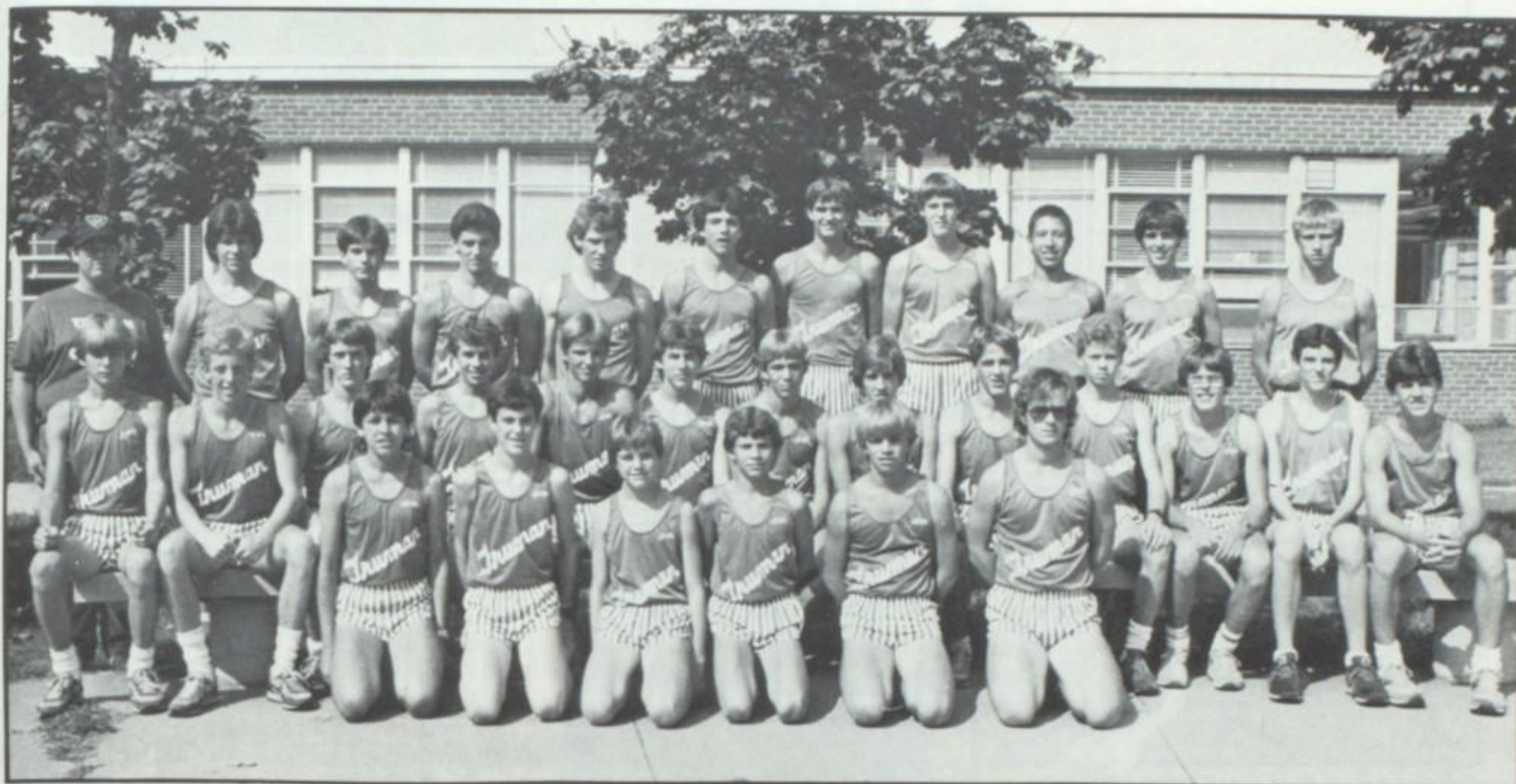


Truman starts off with great mental determination and hopes for a successful finish. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



**Front Row:** Daniel Ingram, Ryan Price, Mike Franciskato, Joe Fanara, Bruce Maples, Jim Cady. **Second Row:** Sven Slade, Tim Morgan, Ray Shouse, Chad Morley, Chad Caldwell, Tony Ritz, Doug Bragg, Chad Puckett, Kevin Black, Rodney Schwartz, Kevin Mason, Derrick Hartley,

Marty Redman. **Back Row:** Steven Nash (manager), Brad Huhmann, Rich Cummings, Doug Howey, James Sebastian, Jim Bullard, Sean Nunn, Vern Mulkey, Robert Chow, Mike Austell, Mark Kragel. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



With mental determination, junior Doug Bragg struggles for the finish line. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Robert Chow runs all year to keep in shape for Cross Country. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

#### Varsity Boys' Cross Country

Truman Invitational	3rd
Park Hill Invitational	9th
Indep. City Champs	1st
Liberty	4th
Hazelwood East	3rd
Ruskin	8th
Conference	5th
District	6th



Just finishing an exhausting race, Jenny Luetkemeyer tries to catch her breath. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



#### Varsity Girls' Cross Country

Truman Invitational	10th
Park Hill Invitational	11th
Indep. City Champs	2nd
Liberty Invitational	5th
Truman Invitational	3rd
Hazelwood East	4th
Ruskin Invitational	Did not run
Conference	3rd
	Sarah Graves 2nd
	Amy Fisher 14th
Districts	4th
	Sarah Graves 3rd
Sectionals	State Qualifiers
	Sarah Graves
	Kim Jurd
	Jeanine Morehouse
State Meet	Sarah Graves 15th
	Kim Jurd 94th
	Jeanine Morehouse 104th



With the goal to win, sophomore Sarah Graves keeps a steady pace in the race. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Many team members agree that determination and endurance are major factors in deciding the outcome of a race. Senior Kim Jurd has these major factors as she struggles to keep her lead. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



## Varsity Girls' X-Country

# ALL-STATE

*Team spirit support, lead to successful season*

by Mary Kackley

**"E**xciting . . . great!" These were the first two thoughts racing through sophomore Sarah Graves' mind after she heard she came in fifteenth at state.

"The first 15 to finish the race are the ones who make the All-State team. When I first came in, everyone thought I was sixteenth. They ran the tape back because there was controversy over it . . . if I was fifteenth or sixteenth," Sarah said.

As nervousness crept through the entire team, they patiently waited for the final decision. And the decision was — to Sarah's surprise — she came in fifteenth and made All-State team.

"I was so happy! My teammates were, too; some of them even cried for me," Sarah said.

"When they said that I made it, I couldn't help but to jump. I couldn't stop, I would take a few steps then jump. I was excited!" she continued.

"Sarah is the first girl in Truman's Girls' Cross Country history to make the All-State team, an accomplishment she deserved," senior Wendy Wood, manager, said.

Besides Sarah running in State, two other varsity members participated, also: Senior Kim Jurd

***"It takes determination . . . you have to have that . . ."***

placed ninety-fifth and sophomore Jeane Morehouse placed one-hundred fourth.

"I was happy where I placed; I wanted to beat my last year's place and I did," Kim said.

"I think Coach Lyons was proud of us all," Kim continued.

"She was real supportive. That's important in any team — to have a supportive coach," Sarah said.

Along with the support of Coach Lyons, the team gave great support, too.

"There was a lot of team togetherness and a lot of team spirit. With these, it makes it fun, plus I think these are some of the reasons why the team did as well as it did," Wendy said.

"It takes determination to win; you have to have that and I think all three of us did and the rest of the team, also," Sarah said.

More girls also went out for Cross Country this year compared to previous years. Wendy said there was more potential, too, and the girls were ready to run to win.

Sarah concluded the year with a positive attitude: "It was a great team and a fun and successful year; we worked hard together and if we work the same next fall, we all may end up going to State."



**Front Row:** Amy Fisher, Michelle Rogers, Lisa Bohanon, Wendy Smith, Kim Jurd. **Second Row:** Donna Lyle, Jenny Luetkemeyer, Dana Wear, Holly Zink, Sarah Graves, Wendy Wood (manager). **Back Row:** Tanya Birdsong, Susan Parker, Lisa Lierman, Jeanine Morehouse, Pam Conner. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



## J.V. X-Country

# THE STRATEGY

*Unity is key to J.V.'s season*

by Mary Kackley

**T**eam unity was the strategy for this year's J.V. boys Cross Country.

"We stuck together when we ran," sophomore Jim Cady said.

"The boys are good friends, I think that helps . . . gives support," Coach Tom Billington said.

However, even though team unity gave support, it didn't make the season as prosperous as Billington expected.

"It's not the boys' fault, they tried, but it just didn't happen," he said. "We've got good runners and a lot of new boys with great potential. I'm hoping next year will be better."

Some of the teammates agreed with Billington.

"I think next year will be better for J.V. It takes determination and demands a lot of your time; I think we've got that as a team and as individuals," Jim said.

"To run good you have to look at Cross Country almost as an all-year sport. You're continuously running . . . through rain, snow, heat; if we keep this up until next season and work out on our own too, we'll have a great team," sophomore Tim Morgan said.

In addition to on the field teamwork, there were times when the team took a break and put Cross Country aside for awhile.

"We went out for pizza a lot, not just after games but anytime. We went to some haunted houses and things like that," Tim said.

"The coach was just like one of the guys. He would joke around and I think that helped the unity with us," Tim continued.

Even though the season didn't go as expected, the togetherness was there and according to Tim, "It was like a big family; I'm sure it will be that way again next year."

Just as team unity was the boy's strategy, it was J.V. girls as well. However, in contrast with the boys, the girls had an impressive and successful season. In addition to this, everyone was also able to run on the varsity squad at one time or another. So was there even a J.V. squad?

"Not really. Four people were continuously on

**And the race begins . . . as Truman takes the lead over Center. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)**

*"It was like a family, everyone was there for everyone. It didn't matter if you ran J.V. or varsity."*

the varsity squad. There are seven positions so the other three varied with the J.V. squad," senior Kim Jurd said.

"Everyone ran varsity at least once, it all depended on how fast they ran at the previous meet," junior Lisa Lierman said.

The extra three positions on varsity offered many first year runners a chance for a varsity letter.

"This was my first year on the team and being able to run varsity sometimes gave me a chance to earn my varsity letter," Lisa said.

The team was especially excellent this year, team members said, because of the togetherness and supportiveness of each other.

"It was like a family, everyone was there for everyone. It didn't matter if you ran varsity or J.V.," senior manager Jennifer Couzins said.

"The managers gave great support and Coach Lyons was always there for us, too. They were always ready to help if we needed it . . . always waiting at the finish line for us," Lisa said.

"I think it was the best season we ever had; we worked together as a team," Kim said.

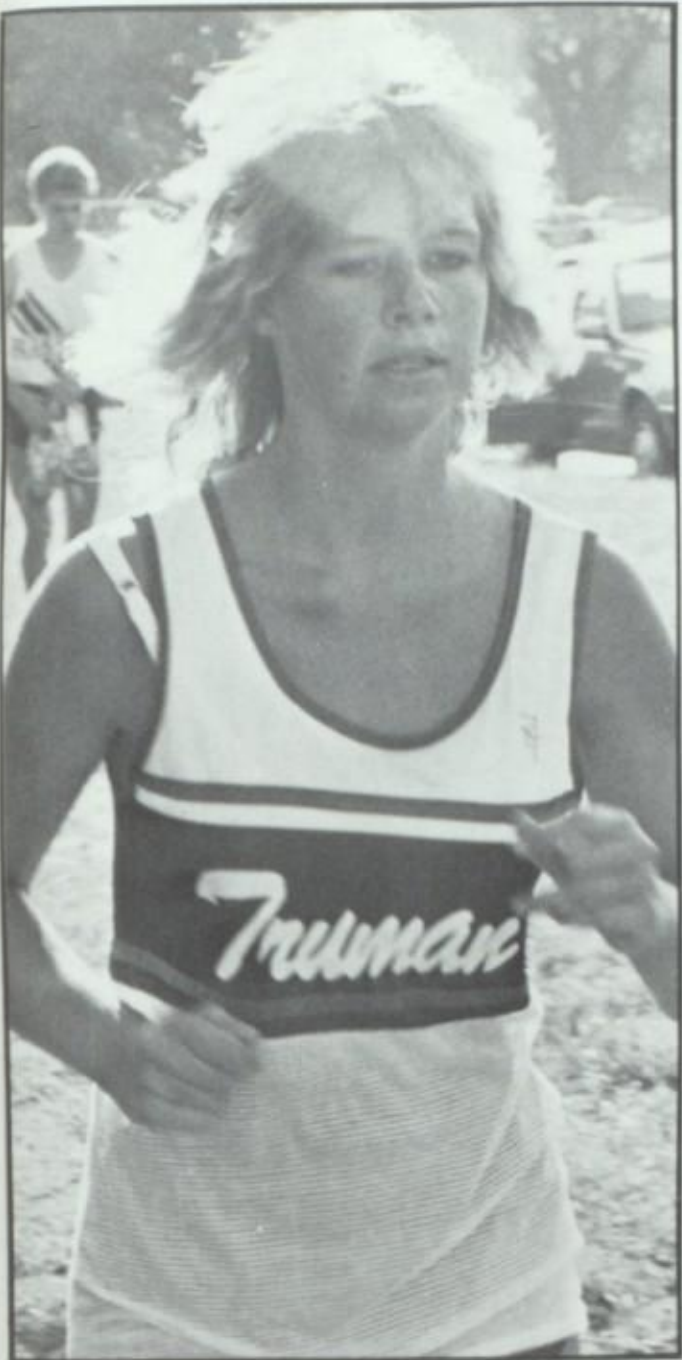
Although the season was successful in many ways, like the boy's team, it also had its downfalls.

"Everyone has their bad days, but the most disappointing thing to happen was we missed going to State as a team by only six points," Lisa said.





**Calm-looking**, sophomore Dana Wear uses mental concentration in keeping a steady pace during the long and tiring race. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



**Catching his breath** for air after finishing a long, hard and vigorous race, sophomore Chad Caldwell receives support and encouragement from his coach, teammates and friends. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



J.V. Boys' Cross Country	
Park Hill	9th
Indep. City Champ	1st
Liberty	1st
Hazelwood East	3rd
Ruskin	2nd
Conference	2nd

J.V. Girls' Cross Country	
Truman Invitational	5th
Park Hill Invitational	5th
Indep. City Champs	1st
Liberty Invitational	4th
Truman Invitational	1st
Ruskin Invitational	Did not run
Conference	2nd



Practicing lay-ups before the game helps junior Paul Neal to get ready. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



Hustle kept the Patriots in many games this year. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Front Row: Mike Ragan (manager), Brian Rose, Kevin Hill, Chris Johnson, Chris Gooding, Greg Collins (manager). Back Row: Peter Goebel, Matt Smith, Luke Helms, Paul Neal, Steve Fortner, Brian Tann, Chris Bachand. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



## Varsity Basketball

# FUN YEAR

*Home stretch proves successful for Patriots*

by Brent Herrick

The varsity basketball team ended the season on a successful note by winning three out of the last four games. Overall, its season record was 13 wins and 13 losses.

"We ended on a good note, winning three out of four against Oak Park, Fort Osage and Chrisman," Coach Rex Stephens said.

Losing the final game of the season against Blue Springs was tough, but because of the state playoff format, every team but one ends its season by losing.

"It was really hard to lose that bad for the final game of your career," senior Chris Bachand commented.

The team agreed beating Raytown in the Truman tournament to begin the season was a high point. Other highlights included the game at Lee's

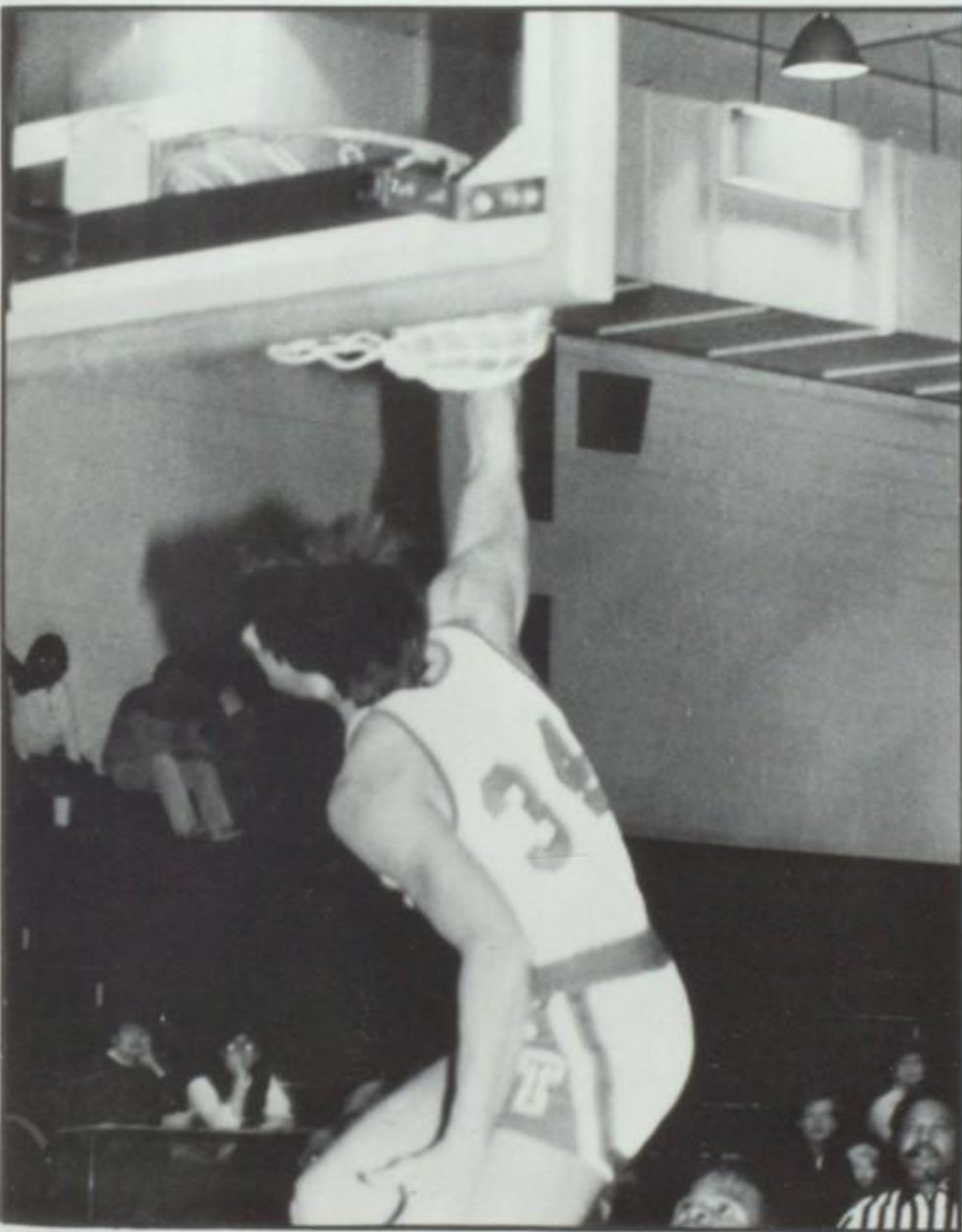
*"This was a good group of kids to work with and they ended on a positive note."*

Summit and the exceptional year that Brian Tann experienced.

"It was really exciting to be an underdog and coming through to beat the No. 3 team in the area, Raytown," Steve Fortner said.

Varsity Coach Rex Stephens felt that it was an enjoyable year.

"I was pleased the way the season ended. We finished by winning three out of four games and with a 13-13 record overall. This was a good group of kids to work with and they responded by ending the season on a positive note. Our free-throw shooting should have been better. Brian Tann had an outstanding year for us by becoming the fourth highest single season scorer in the school's history. That record was highlighted by his 30 points against Fort Osage. The Raytown victory in our  
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A dunk for two enables senior Brian Tann to become one of the area's topscorers.  
(Photo by Greg Carr)



Junior Chris Johnson makes a pass to another team member, dodging the opponents. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



# Hardship closes season

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tournament got us to a 2-0 start for the season. We played well in the Fort Osage game but our best game was at Lee's Summit when we executed to our potential other than the last minute and a half," Stephens continued.

The Patriots struggled in shooting free throws this year and failed to convert in key situations.

"I feel we could have won five or more games that we lost because of our free throws," Stephens remarked.

One game toward the end of the year proved just the opposite for the Patriots.

"In the Fort Osage game we did something we weren't used to and that was making all of our free throws. We went down to the wire but we did win," junior Kevin Hill said. "It was really exciting for me because I had a chance to win the Fort Osage game if I made two crucial free throws. I made the first free throw but was really shaky. The

crowd was screaming but I made my second shot and we won."

Team members agreed that senior Brian Tann was one of the team leaders this year.

"We should have been better but at least it was not a losing season. I was glad to get the scoring records but we would have had a better season with more experience. While the game against Raytown was the highlight of our season, the final game against Blue Springs was a tough one to lose," Tann commented.

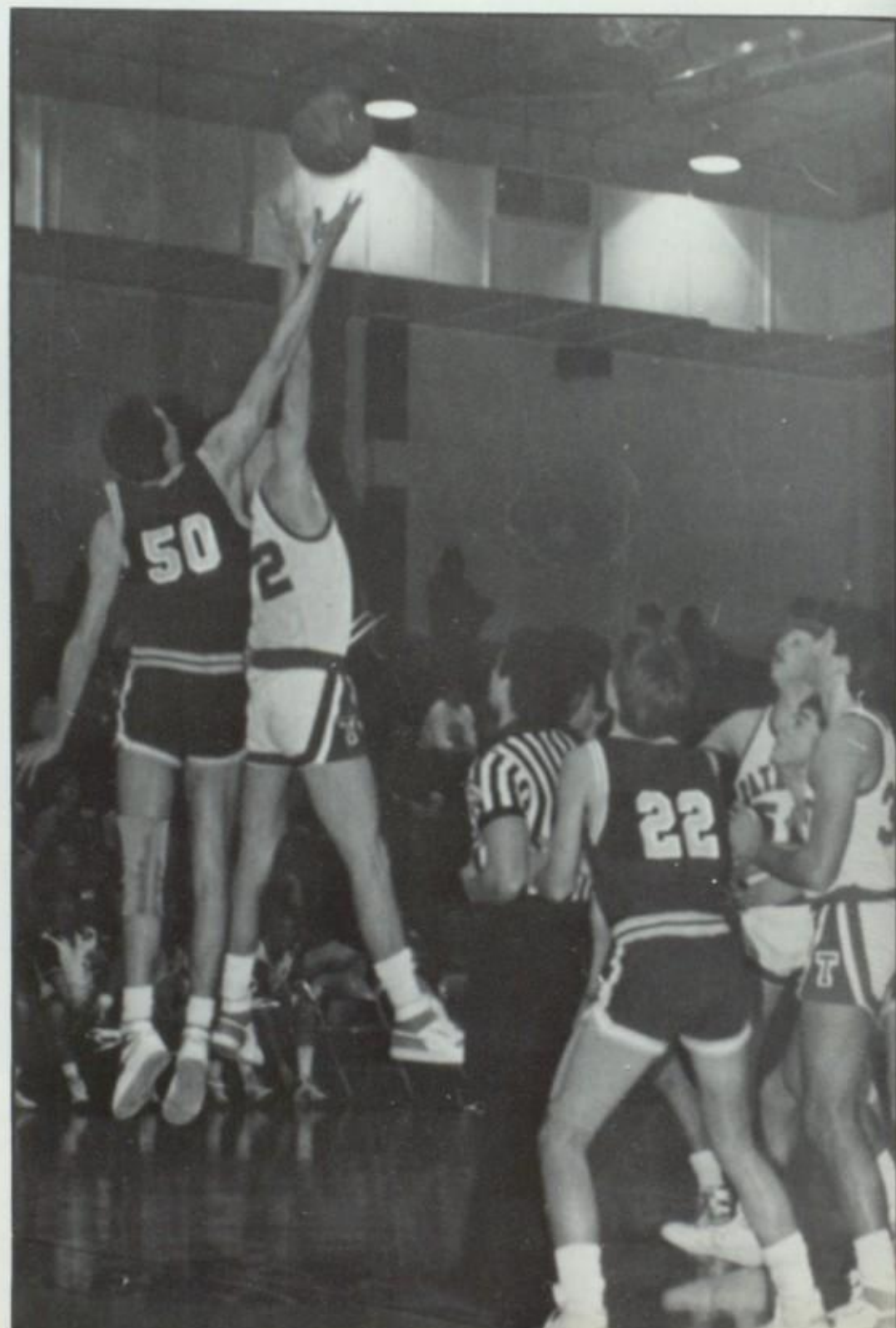
For senior Tann, Fortner, and Chris Bachand, the Blue Springs game was the final game of their high school career. While they did not advance past the district play-offs, the boys seemed to have fun this year.

"We will miss these front-line players next year, but should have a good number of returning lettermen with experience," Stephens concluded.

## Boys' Varsity Basketball

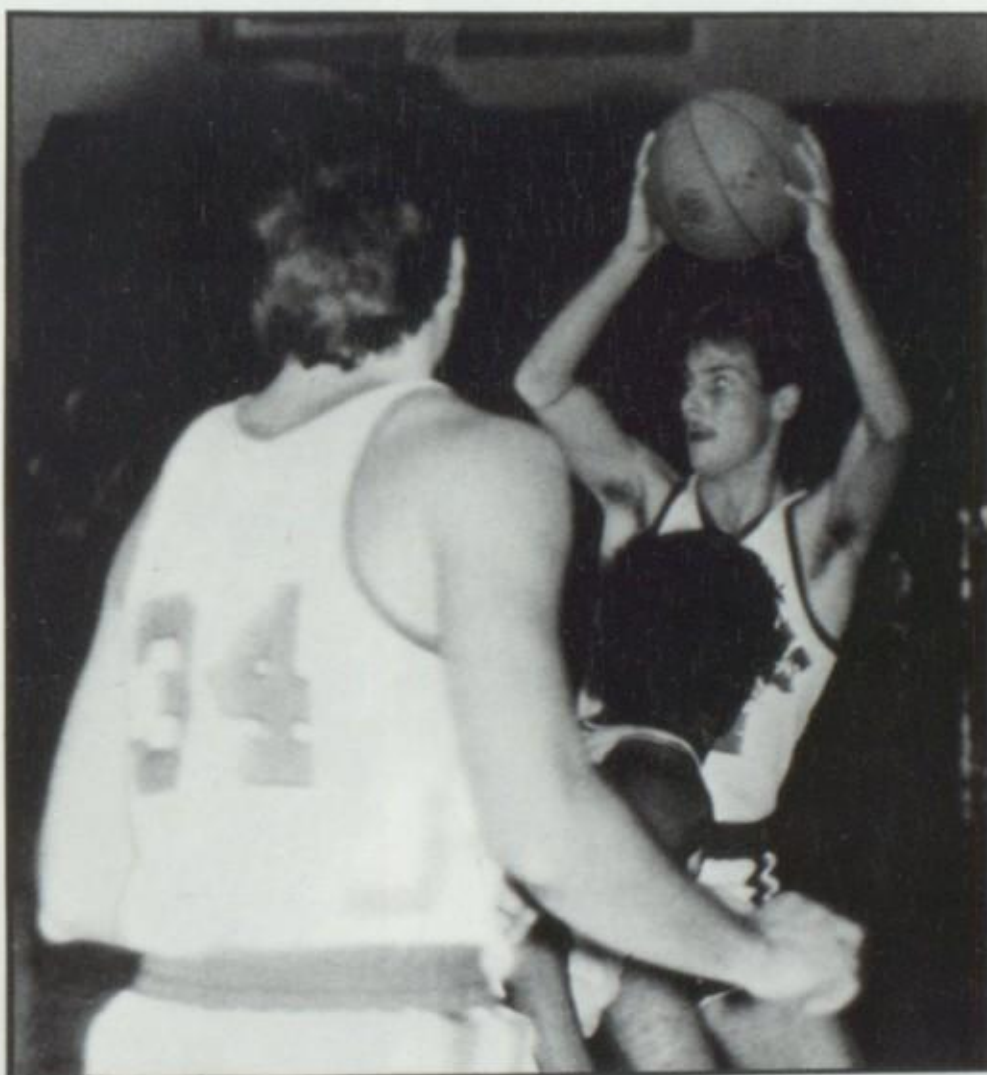
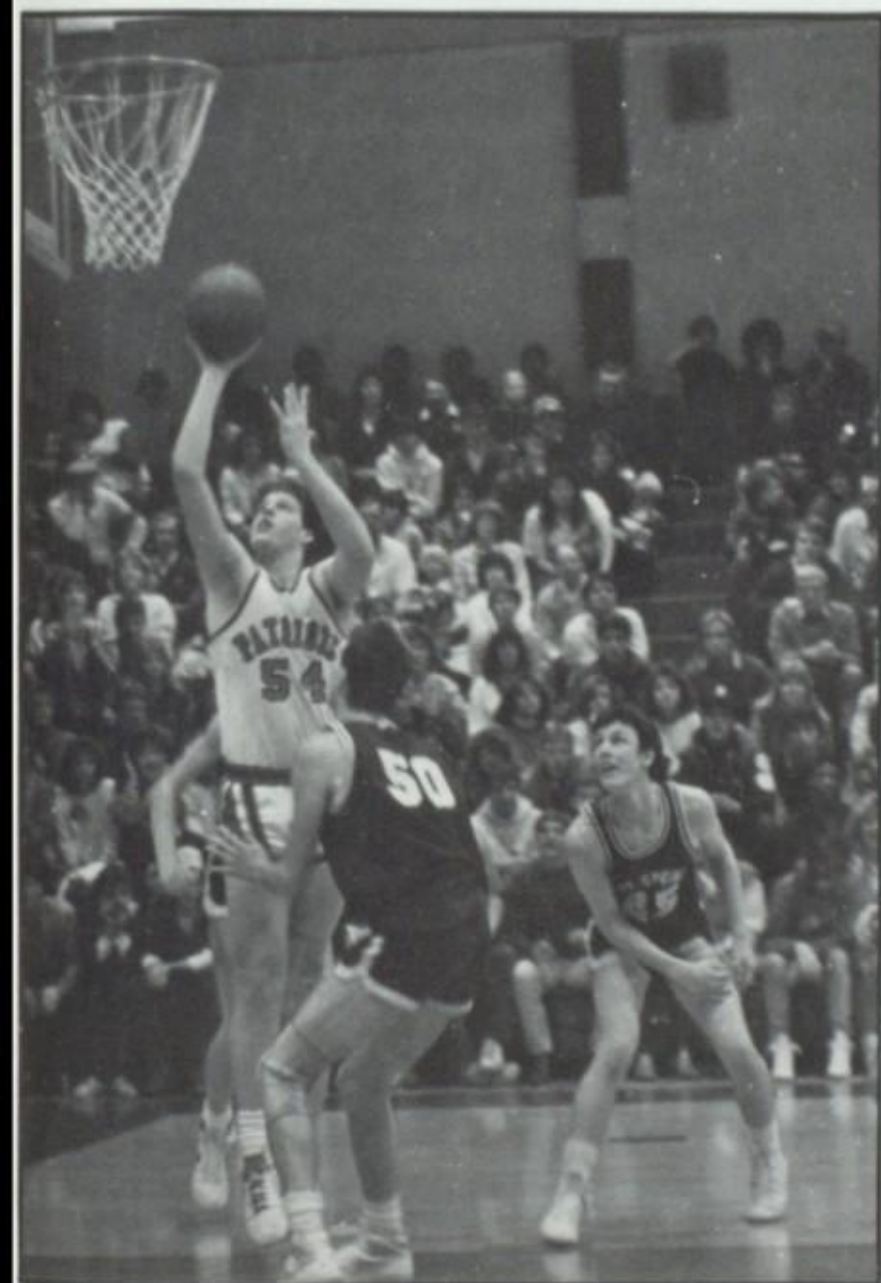
	Pats	Opp.
Grandview	65	37
Raytown	43	40
Rockhurst	50	66
Shawnee Mission South	53	70
Shawnee Mission North	55	46
Park Hill	39	50
North Kansas City	51	40
O'Hara	57	47
Blue Springs	47	63
Lee's Summit	42	52
Shawnee Mission West	57	63
North Kansas City	58	33
Northeast	56	49
Northeast	64	62
Oak Park	53	56
St. Joe Central	56	61
Raytown	41	59
William Chrisman	57	53
Fort Osage	56	59
Park Hill	65	53
Blue Springs	63	71
Lee's Summit	49	50
Oak Park	67	49
Fort Osage	59	56
William Chrisman	51	48
Blue Springs	53	67
Truman Tournament		1st
Blue Springs		5th
North Kansas City Tourn.		5th
13 wins 13 losses		

Winning the jump allows Truman an early possession of the ball. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)





Junior Kevin Hill looks to shake off the defenders by a quick pass. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Junior Chris Gooding looks for an open pass in order to score points. (Photo by Greg Carr)

Senior Steve Fortner proves concentration is essential for even simple shots. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



Chad John keeps an Oak Park player from a simple basket. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Kent Werremeyer powers the ball up for two. (Photo by Greg Carr)



#### Boys' J.V. Basketball

	Pats	Opp.
Raytown	27	42
O'Hara	42	38
Park Hill	56	38
North Kansas City	65	44
O'Hara	41	64
Blue Springs	68	57
Lee's Summit	43	55
Northeast	62	67
Oak Park	61	54
St. Joe Central	49	52
Raytown	49	40
William Chrisman	48	37
Fort Osage	73	37
Park Hill	57	43
Blue Springs	72	58
Lee's Summit	51	65
Oak Park	59	53
Fort Osage	37	50

11 wins 7 losses



During a time out, Coach Bob Tonnie, discusses a new strategy. (Photo by Greg Carr)



## J.V. Basketball

# TALENT

*Hidden talents take J.V. boys to the top*

by Tonya Hainen

**T**he J.V. basketball team not only ended with an 11 and 7 record, but also showed some hidden talents.

"We've had a lot of kids doing better than we ever expected at the start of the season," Coach Bob Tonnies, said.

With only three seniors playing, most of the J.V. team is made up of sophomores, which team members said had its advantages and disadvantages:

"I think having so many sophomores has been good; it has given us a lot more playing experience, which I think will help us in the future," sophomore Mike Moore said.

These players all feel they work well together. They beat Blue Springs twice and Raytown once, not to mention setting a 500 record high.

"I feel real good about the high record," sophomore Chad John said. "I feel the reason for

*"This year every kid had to contribute."*

this and our victories over Blue Springs and Raytown is due to our excellent defense. We work hard on it and Coach Tonnies is a very good defensive coach."

In comparison to last year, the team improved in several different areas.

"Our record improved a lot this year, last year we mostly lost and this year we've won. Plus our team plays have improved greatly," Mike said.

No matter how short or how tall the players were, no one was left out.

"This year every kid has had to contribute. Except for one game every player has had the chance to participate," Tonnies said.

"Last year we kind of relied on one person," Mike added. "Now we play as a team and do much better."

"I think playing with the same teammates several years in a row will benefit us when we are able to move up to varsity," Chad said.



Front Row: Mike Summers, Chad John, Jeff Pieratt, Jim Chapman. Back Row: Jim Tormena, Kent Werremeyer, Mike Moore, Brian Burnett. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



## Sophomore Basketball

# TEAMWORK

*New coach leads team to winning record*

by Tonya Hainen

Coach Bill Morris was well-liked and accepted by the team during his first year of coaching.

"I thought Coach Morris did an excellent job," sophomore Mike Middleton said. "We worked hard to do our best, and he taught us a lot."

Not only were the players fond of Coach Morris, he also was quite fond of them.

"I thought they were good team players, and I enjoyed working with them a lot," Morris said.

Working the team so they were winners was one thing, yet keeping their spirits up also came into the picture.

"Coach Morris was really good with the offense and knew what he was talking about. Plus, when we got down and were ready to give up, he always got us going again with a good pep talk," sophomore Craig Cook said.

The sophomores ended their season with a 12-

*"We worked harder to do our best, and he taught us a lot."*

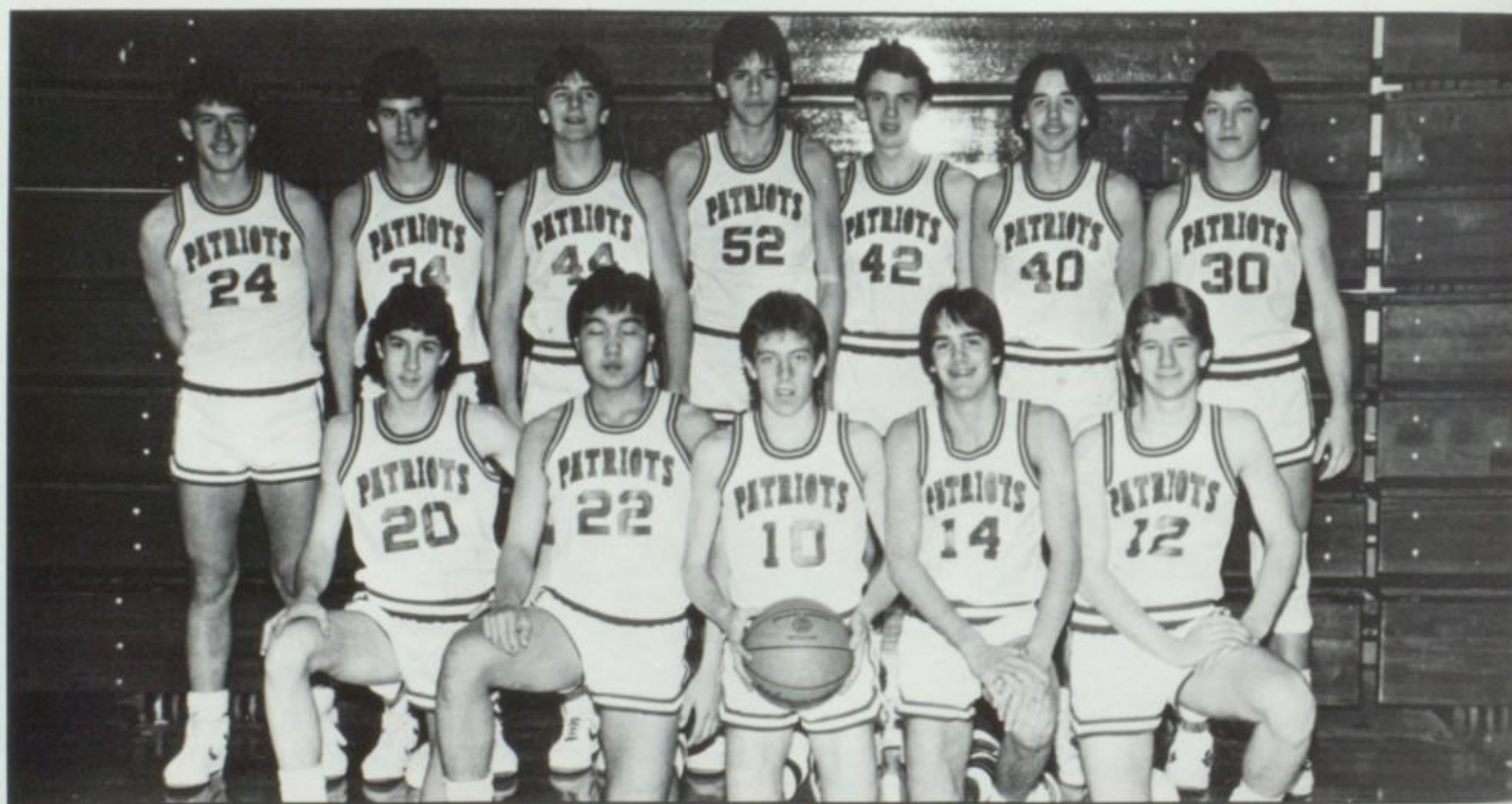
7 record. Whether it was the players or the coach, something went right.

"I thought we had a really good season," Mike said. "We lost a few games, but I think that was due to a lack of some team playing here and there. Although, by the end of the season, we really progressed a lot." Learning was also a task they had to hit head on, and Coach Morris said he felt he accomplished quite a bit at that:

"I thought it was a successful season, and we ended with a good record," Morris said. "I really learned a lot especially from Coach Stephens and Tonnies."

Basically there were several things that made this season click for the sophomores, ranging from a new coach to team support.

"We stuck together and really supported each other. If someone would mess up, everyone let them know it was okay, even the players sitting on the bench," Craig concluded.



Front Row: Darren O'Dell, David Kim, Tim Morgan, Todd Stuck, Blake Smith.  
Back Row: Brian Drinkwater, Matt McNett, Craig Cook, Erick Helmich, Mike Middleton, Randy Lady, Danny Turner. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

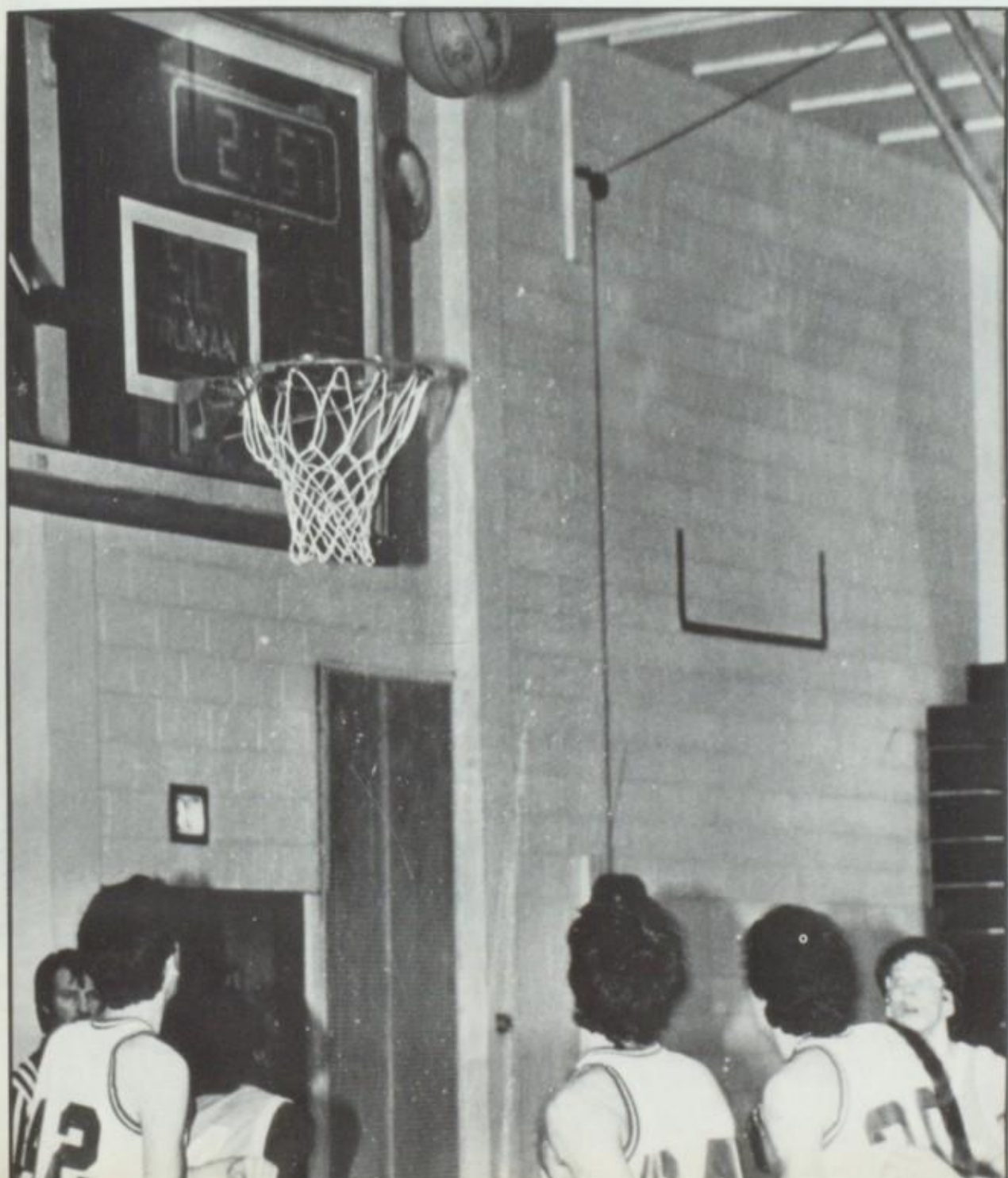


Mike Middleton smothers a Grandview player as he attempts a rebound. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



A soft touch comes in handy as Craig Cook attempts a freethrow. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Good form and technique help as Todd Stuck puts the ball through the hoop. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



#### Sophomore Boys' Basketball

	Pats	Opp.
Blue Springs	58	64
Raytown	55	37
Park Hill	55	59
Raytown South	62	56
Lee's Summit	49	50
William Chrisman	51	26
North Kansas City	58	34
Oak Park	57	61
Blue Springs	41	37
Raytown	64	46
Lee's Summit	43	53
Raytown South	47	56
William Chrisman	83	51
Park Hill	83	81
Grandview	56	58
Grandview (B)	50	32
Oak Park	58	52
Oak Park (B)	55	31
Winnetonka	74	71
North Kansas City	90	74
Park Hill	73	66
Oak Park Tournament		1st
14 wins 7 losses		

An airborne ball leaves team in hope for two points. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Stretching out is an essential part of the game. The team needs to be flexible enough to run up and down the court. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



### Freshman Boys' Basketball

	Pats	Opp.
Ruskin	41	40
Lee's Summit	50	47
William Chrisman	54	38
Bishop Miege	39	37
O'Hara	43	45
Fort Osage	61	50
Blue Springs	40	39
Center	46	38
Raytown South	40	41
Raytown	51	53
Hickman Mills	62	32
Winnetonka	56	27
St. Mary's	77	45
Englewood	65	27
William Chrisman	35	30
Fort Osage	37	31

#### B Team

	Pats	Opp.
Lee's Summit	28	46
William Chrisman	45	41
William Chrisman	47	29
Fort Osage	35	34
Blue Springs	39	37
Center	45	24
Raytown	49	41
Raytown South	29	44
Hickman Mills	37	23

A Team — 13 wins 3 losses

B Team — 7 wins 2 losses



Front Row: Chad Morley, Mike Krochek, Shaun Caughlin, Jason Davis, Steve Kuhn, Tim McElligott, Jeremy White. Back Row: Rick White, Ed Cooper, Jason Gilbertson, Luey Lasater, Darrin Shinabargar, Wade Fernau, Rex Stephens, Kirk Gutekunst, Lee Stauffer. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



## Freshman Basketball

# TOGETHER

*Boys' Basketball had winning season*

by Shannon Calohan

**T**he freshman boys' basketball team had an outstanding season this year.

"We had a winning season. We had a 14-3 record," Lee Stauffer said.

"We learned a lot and did good in our division," Kirk Gutekunst said.

The team's three losses were close games. They were either in overtime or in the last few seconds.

"Half of our games were really close. Every game we lost was only by 1 or 2 points or in the last 10 or 15 seconds of the game," Lee said.

The team was familiar with each other because of the years they had been playing with one another.

"A lot of us had been playing together for quite awhile. That helped us to a winning season," Lee said.

Playing and practicing at Bridger was a disadvantage for some players.

"It was kind of a hassle practicing out at Bridger," Kirk said.

**"We kept on and didn't let down. Even if we were winning we kept going."**

"We didn't get to play at Truman. Instead we had to play at Bridger. That was difficult getting out there and all," Tim McElligot said.

Next year has a promising side. The team did great this year and the experience should make them do good next year.

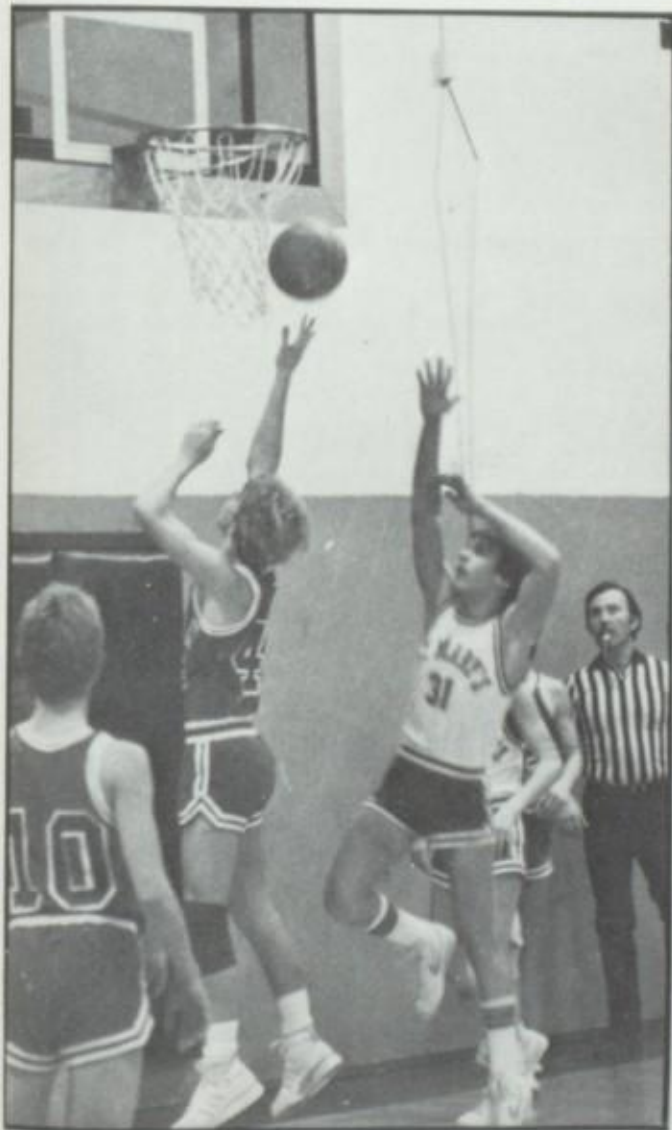
"If we play like we did this year, we should do real good," Tim said. "There are a lot of older guys ahead of us that have experience. Together we should be good."

There were key factors to the team's success: One was unity. Another was dedication.

"We kept on and didn't let down. Even if we were winning we kept going. We kept pushing it to them," he concluded.

A few key players were helpful in winning games.

"Rex Stephens helped out with a lot of rebounds and Kirk was our main offensive player," Lee said.



Keeping his eye on the ball, freshman Jason Gilbertson tries for a lay-up shot. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



Freshman Kirk Gutekunst jumps higher than his opponent to push the ball to another teammate. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



## Courtwarming

# HAPPINESS

*Excitement fills magic night for Susan*

by Tonya Hainen

**B**eaming from ear to ear, Susan Appleberry gladly took the throne after being announced 1985-86 Courtwarming Queen.

With "Somewhere Down the Road" as the theme, Valerie Rago, Melissa Madewell, Rhonda Davis, and Aimee Wear were her attendants.

"I thought Courtwarming went really well," Susan said. "The basketball team played an excellent game, beating Chrisman in the last few minutes."

Organization of the Courtwarming ceremony appeared to cause no problems.

Melanie Foudree, Pep Club Vice-President, said, "Courtwarming went smoothly, and was very easy to organize. There was no worry about the weather, or trying to find cars, etc. It was mainly just setting up the backdrop and the chairs."

Although everything fell in place well, there were still a few mixed feelings:

"I didn't think Courtwarming was made that big of a deal. There was nothing done before or

*"I thought it was a lot of fun, and I think everyone should have the chance to experience something like it."*

after it, not even a dance," Valerie said.

"I didn't think it was played up as much as Homecoming, but it never really has been, so people probably don't expect it," Aimee said.

Yet, the feelings of the queen herself differed slightly, as her name was announced.

Susan paused then added, "I was naturally surprised, but at first it wasn't that earth-shattering of a deal. I guess it was when I walked in front of the crowd, and my friends clapped and yelled is when it really hit me and my stomach did a few flipflops."

The other attendants also felt a slight bit of nervousness, as their hearts raced at a fast pace.

"I was kind of nervous walking out there in front of all those people," Rhonda said. "But, I really enjoyed it even though I didn't feel it was made that big of a deal."

There were several different opinions, but all the girls agreed they really enjoyed it:

"I thought it was a lot of fun, and I think everyone should have the chance to experience something like it. Maybe it wasn't as big of deal as Homecoming, but it meant a lot to me," Melissa said.



Susan and her attendants (left to right) Melissa Madewell, Valerie Rago, Rhonda Davis, and Aimee Wear discuss their excitement as they watch the remainder of the Truman-Chrisman game. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)





Kelly Barry, 1985 Courtwarming Queen, escorted by Paul LeVota, Student Council president, crowns Susan 1986 Courtwarming Queen. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



A kleenex comes in handy as Susan shows emotion. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

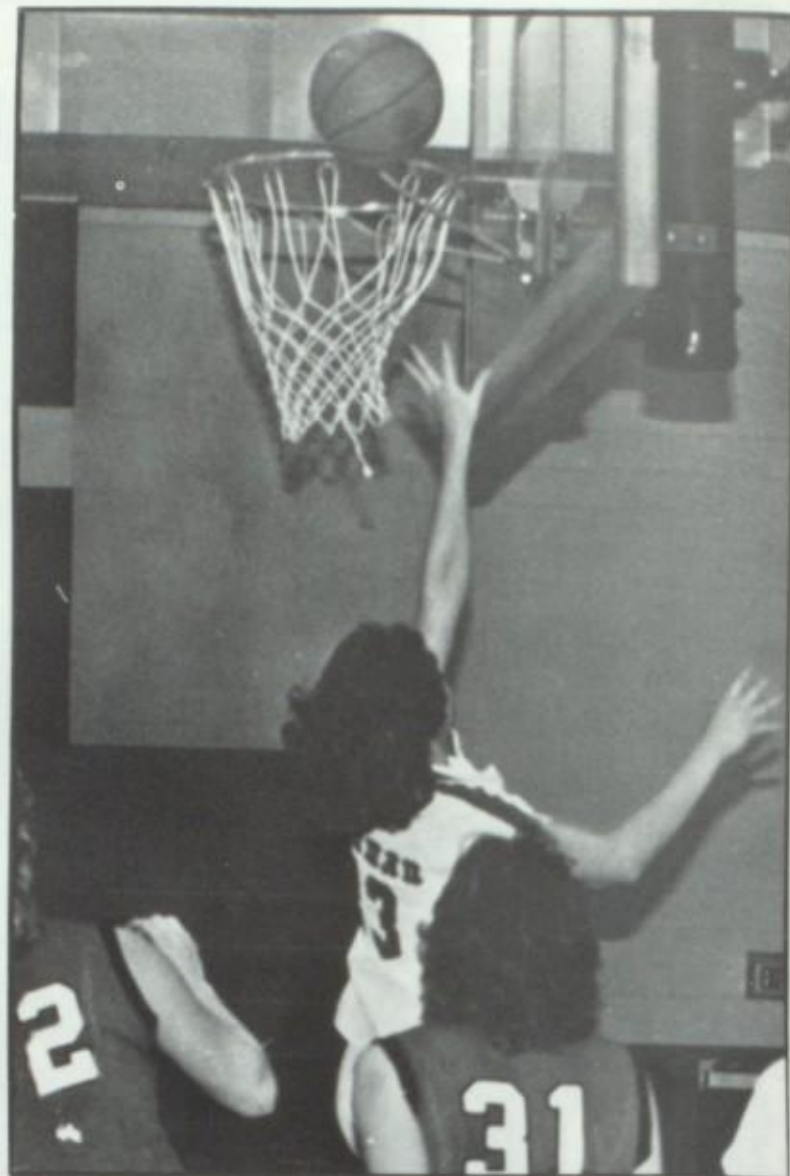
Expressions explain Susan's excitement after Sondra Stephens, Pep Club Sponsor, announces her queen. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)





Sophomore Tanya Price goes up for a shot to boost Truman's lead.  
(Photo by Greg Carr)

Quick rebounds are essential to winning the game. (Photo by Greg Carr)



**Front Row:** Stacey England, Kelly Clark, Rhonda Davis, Amy Rold. **Back Row:** Karen Kinney, Jan Grotenhuis, Tanya Price, Sarah Conyers, Kris Earhart, Shelly Lauber. (Photo by Greg Carr)



## Varsity Girls' Basketball

# SUPER

*Girls improve record but fall short of state*

by Brent Herrick

Varsity girls won two more games than they did last year, but fell short of a State title. Their 22 wins and 4 losses, coupled with last year's record, gives them a two-year 42-10 total.

"It was a good year and we won two more games than we did last year. We started out well with a good game against Lee's Summit in spite of losing," Coach Pete Hile said.

This year's team featured one senior starter Karen Kinney. In spite of its youth, the team goal was to win every game.

"It was a good season with a disappointing end," Kinney reflected. "We won every tournament except the state. Our goal was to win another state title for Truman."

In spite of the young team, the girls had more

*"We had a real good season. Our goal was to win a couple of more games this year and we did . . ."*

pressure on them this year. Their success last year had marked them as a team to reckon with.

"We played better last year as a team. We lacked the enthusiasm and intensity needed to be a state contender. Our best team effort came in the district finals against Chrisman," Kris Earhart commented.

Leadership was one ingredient missing on the squad this year.

"We played well all season. Someone needed to take a leadership role. Our team needed to play more together," junior Jan Grotenhuis said.

The leadership factor was also mentioned by junior Kelly Clark.

"We had a real good season. Our goal was to win a couple of more games this year and we did. The team needed a real leader. Karen did lead us in practice but she didn't want to dominate the ball during the games," Clark said.

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Junior Shelly Lauber helps to push the ball up the court for an easy basket. Fast pace action is how the girls like to play and has helped them win this year. (Photo by Greg Carr)



## Varsity Girls' Basketball

# Girls await future

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Next year the team should be outstanding. With only seniors Kinney and Rhonda Davis graduating, there will be numerous letter winners returning. This will improve both leadership and experience on the squad.

"We'll miss our seniors next year. However, Lee's Summit and Hickman Mills will lose several starters," Grotenhuis reflected.

The girls next year hope to be more disciplined so that they can attain their

goal of a state championship.

"Next year discipline will be tightened," Hile predicted.

With four starters returning and this year's exceptional J.V. squad the Patriots should have the nucleus of an outstanding team.

"Experience will be on our side next year. If we can have team leadership and cut out a couple of losses, we should have an excellent year," Earhart concluded with optimism.

Junior Shelly Lauber leaps above the opponents for the jumper. (Photo by Greg Carr)

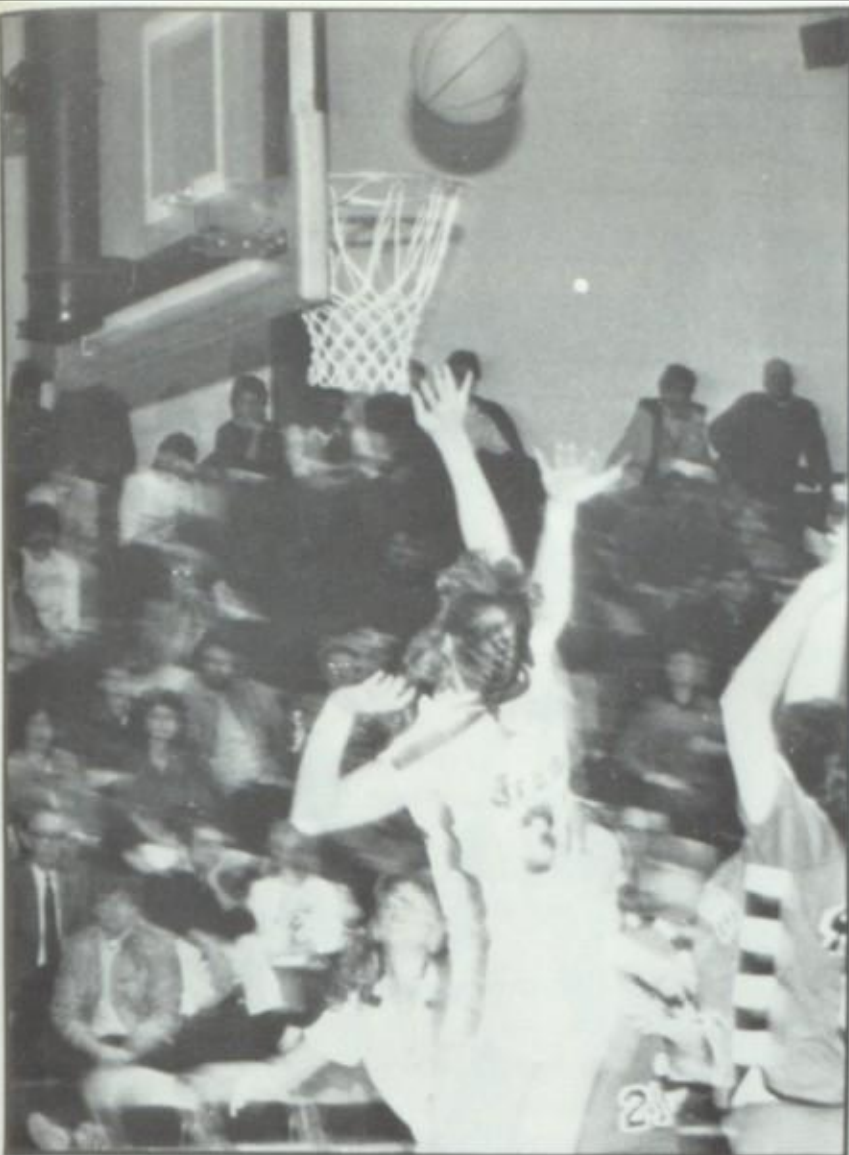


Quick reactions can be the difference in a turnover. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Outside shooting is effective for the girls offensive attack. (Photo by Greg Carr)





Senior Karen Kinney shows consistency as a team leader. (Photo by Greg Carr)

Kelly Clark gives it all for the steal. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Concentration for all shots proves successful for the girls this year. (Photo by Greg Carr)

#### Varsity Girls' Basketball

	Pats	Opp.
Hickman Mills	40	47
St. Mary's	57	31
St. Joe Central	62	52
Park Hill	63	35
Blue Springs	45	26
Lee's Summit	51	56
Wm. Chrisman	56	54
Oak Park	54	31
Fort Osage	61	37
Van Horn	77	30
Park Hill	41	22
Blue Springs	52	38
Sedalia	70	38
Lee's Summit	48	71
Oak Park	66	44
Fort Osage	53	47
Blue Springs	49	47
Wm. Chrisman	62	46
Hickman Mills	52	65
Fort Osage Rotating Tourn.		1st
Fort Osage Tournament		1st
Truman Tournament		1st
District		1st

22 wins 4 losses



Suzanne Conyers brings the ball down to set up an offensive play. (Photo by Greg Carr)



### Girls' J.V. Basketball

	Pats	Opp.
St. Mary's	35	29
Hickman Mills	44	32
William Chrisman	29	46
St. Joe Central	29	40
Blue Springs	30	23
Lee's Summit	22	38
William Chrisman	42	18
Oak Park	50	40
Fort Osage	54	28
Van Horn	50	27
Southeast	41	37
Blue Springs	28	33
Smith-Cotton	26	33
Lee's Summit	37	45
Oak Park	40	28
Fort Osage	36	31

10 wins 6 losses



Opponent puts pressure on Tammy Davis as she looks down court. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Heather Kerns feeds the ball inside for a lay-up. (Photo by Greg Carr)



## J.V. Basketball

# INCONCONSISTENT

*An up and down season turns out to be a strong one*

by Tonya Hainen

**A**fter an up-and-down season, the J.V. team ended with a 10-7 record.

"It was kind of a different season," Coach Donna Shuler said. "We would win three games and then lose three games."

Yet, the end of the season brought about a better outlook for the players.

"I felt defense was our strongest point, we had some trouble getting our plays down at first. Therefore, our offense suffered a little," sophomore Tina Schannuth said.

Practice makes perfect seemed to hold true as far as team improvement went:

"We improved greatly from the beginning of the season to the end. We improved in skill along with team plays," Shuler said.

"When we knew there was a tough game coming up, we always practiced a lot harder, and got ourselves psyched up," sophomore Tammy Davis said.

*"It was a different season. We would win three games and then lose three games."*

Teamwork, along with friendships, also played a large role:

"Everyone on the team was good friends and I think that helped us work better as a team," Tina said.

"At the beginning of the year we kinda played as individuals," Tammy said. "But, toward the end of the season we began working more as a team and things went a lot better."

"One of our high points was at the end of a game when we began to press. It really helped us win the games we did," Shuler said.

"A little more support and spirit would have helped, because we mostly just had parents there. Although towards the end of the season we started seeing more fans," Tina added.

Most of the players, along with the coach, agreed it wasn't a great season, but hope for a better one next year.

Schuler grins adding, "That's the way the ball goes, and it didn't go through the hoop."



Back Row: Tammy Davis, Heather Kerns, Amy Hutton, Tina Schannuth, Jeanine Morehouse, Toni Chapman. Front Row: Tammie Burton, Roxanne Wood, Suzanne Conyers, Sherri Glentzer. (Photo by Greg Carr)



## Freshman Basketball

# SPECTACULAR

*Freshman girls played well together*

by Shannon Calohan

**H**aving to practice at Bridger Junior High caused some problems for the freshman girls basketball team.

"We didn't like practicing out at Bridger," Sonja Zimmerman said.

"I didn't like practicing and playing out at Bridger. That was a big disadvantage," Becky Bacus said.

"Going out to Bridger was kind of hard. We had to ride a bus because we could not drive out there," Shauna Mead said.

However, despite the hassles of Bridger, the team had a winning season with only a three-game losing streak.

"We had a winning season. We lost three

*"The whole team did good together. Heather McCoy was a good center. She wasn't tall but she had a lot of power."*

games in one week, so we came out about even," Becky said.

"We only lost four games and won 10. We had won about five games when we lost those three in a row. We went on to only lose one game after that, though," said Shauna.

The team worked hard together and had a couple of outstanding players.

"The whole team did good together. Heather McCoy was a good center. She wasn't tall but she had a lot of power," Becky said.

"Becky was a big help. She always gave 100 percent and never gave up. She never got down if we were losing," Sonja said.

The team did have fun working together, they said:

"I really enjoyed the season. We all worked great together," Shauna smiled.



**Front Row:** Stephania Detillier, Sonja Zimmerman, Kerri Lunsford, April Cottrell, Dixie Datweiler, Becky Bacus. **Back Row:** Heather McCoy, Shelley Hatt, Shelly Carlson, Tracy Turner, Danielle Beane, Becky Fulton, Laura Pricer, Diana Friend. Not pictured: Shauna Mead, Liz Bowman. (Photo by Greg Carr)





Freshman Sonja Zimmerman looks for an open space before throwing the ball in to another player. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

#### Freshman Girls' Basketball

	Pats	Opp.
Ruskin	22	18
Bishop Miege	25	20
Lee's Summit	28	20
William Chrisman	30	22
O'Hara	24	30
Fort Osage	24	28
Blue Springs	30	38
Raytown South	45	30
Raytown	28	20
Hickman Mills	36	24
St. Marys	32	26
Fort Osage Tournament		3rd

#### B Team

	Pats	Opp.
Blue Springs	20	28
William Chrisman	24	30
William Chrisman	30	26

A Team — 10 wins 3 losses

B Team — 1 win 2 losses



Waiting for the ball to go into the net, the two teams fight over who will get the ball first. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



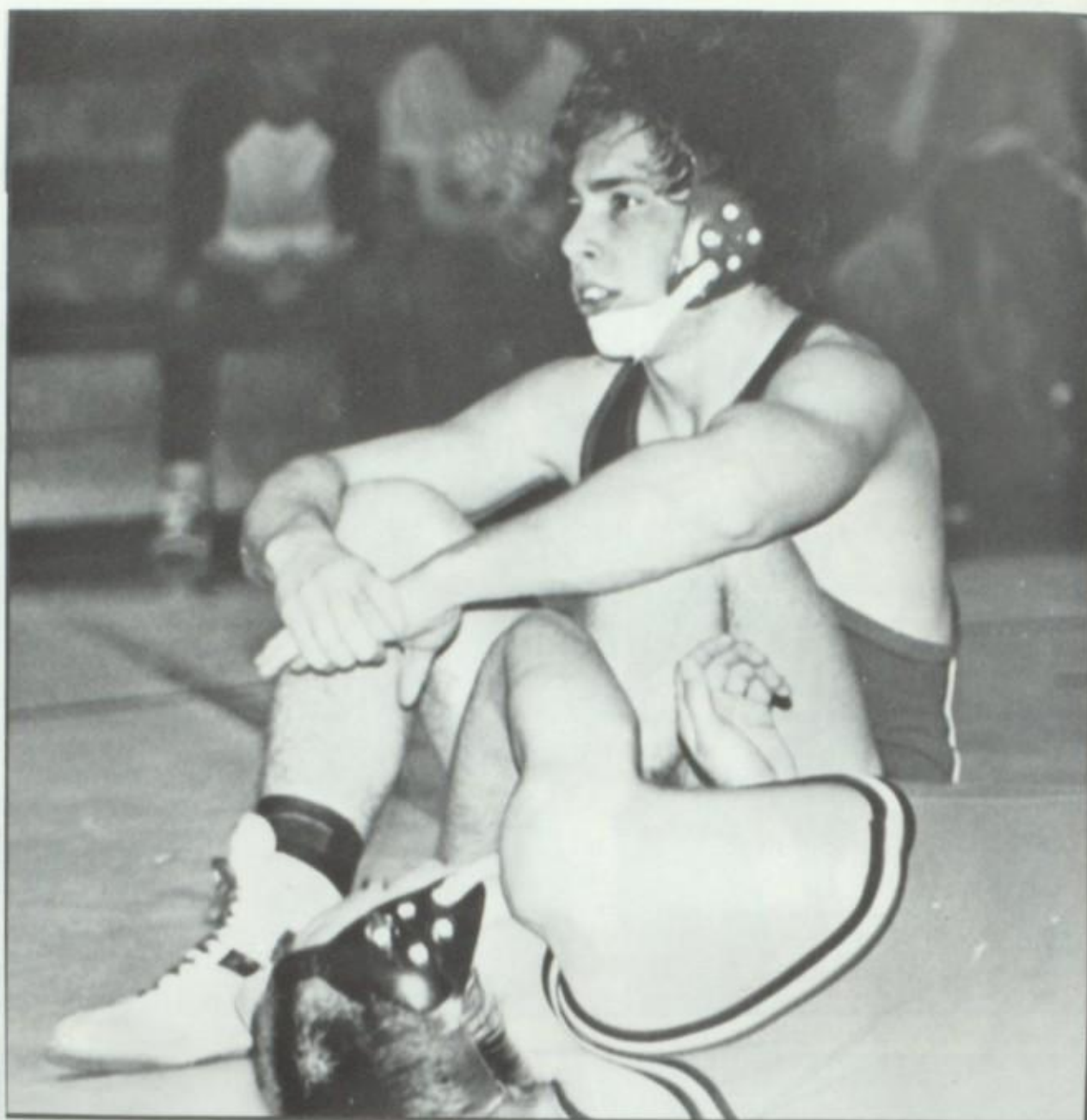
Keeping her eye on the ball, freshman Becky Bacus maneuvers her way around her opponent. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



A quick grasp of air is all the rest a wrestler gets before the final period. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

### Varsity Wrestling

	Pats	Opp.
Center	28	39
Oak Park	8	60
Park Hill	18	51
Raytown	39	27
Blue Springs	35	36
Raytown South	27	40
St. Pius	66	9
Fort Osage	36	39
Lee's Summit	31	39
William Chrisman	52	18
Ruskin Quad Tournament		1st
Truman Tournament		3rd
William Chris. Quad Tour.		2nd
Ruskin Tournament		1st
Oak Park Tournament		4th
Districts		4th
State	Jim Brewer	
	Tim Nicholson	
	Ray Shouse	
3 wins 7 losses		



Senior captain Kevin Griep tries to keep on his base to keep his opponent from getting points. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



## Varsity Wrestling

# STRENUOUS

*Varsity wrestlers work for every victory*

by Brent Herrick

**V**arsity wrestling made steady progress because of positive attitudes and the willingness to work hard.

"It is a long season in a sport that requires endurance and total dedication. To win, you have to be tough, both mentally and physically. A positive attitude also helps," senior Kevin Griep said. "I have wanted to be captain of the wrestling team since I was a freshman and I took it as an honor."

Returning seniors contributed to the team by having a good season.

"They did what they needed to do. That was to lead the team, teach the inexperienced, and be team leaders," Coach Ed Gensler commented.

Crowd support was something wrestlers have not had in the past and this year was no exception.

"It really is a letdown when you go out on the home court and see that the visiting team has more fans than you do," junior Ray Shouse said. "At Oak Park, wrestling completely dominates basketball. There is a packed gym at every meet."

"We really didn't get any publicity and I think

*"They did what they needed to do. That was to lead the team, teach the inexperienced, and be team leaders."*

that is the main reason few people showed up for the matches," senior Tom Nicholson observed. "Maybe if we had articles in the paper, more people would come."

Three wrestlers qualified for state: Tom Nicholson, Ray Shouse and Jim Brewer.

"The wrestlers at Columbia were phenomenal with great natural ability. They develop young by participating in youth programs set up for wrestlers. We don't do as well because we have only wrestled two or three years compared to their six years of wrestling," Shouse said.

Brewer set a new sophomore record for single season wins with 28 beating the old record which was 20.

"I feel good because of all the hard work I have done. After seven years of wrestling, it's paying off. It gives me a big boost," Brewer said.

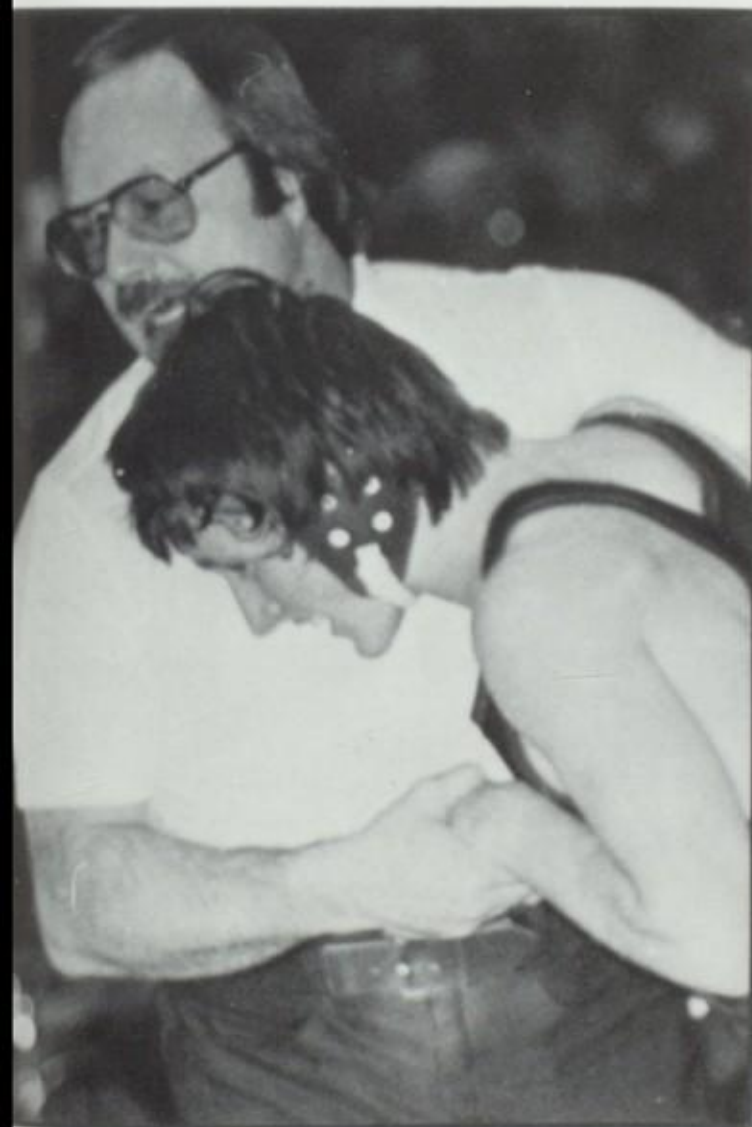
The future looks good for the Truman wrestling program. Positive attitudes and enthusiasm are evident among the wrestlers.

"I am really anxious for next year and if nobody quits or gets hurt, we will be in the running for conference," Gensler concluded.



**Front Row:** Jim Brewer, Billy Sterling, Glen Gross, Danny Hughes, Ray Shouse, David Winslow.  
**Back Row:** Coach Gensler, Mark James, Tom Nicholson, Kevin Griep, Mike Whitely, Bruce Bingman, Josh Kolb, Marcis Macoas. (Photo by Angie Proctor)

After a win in the sectionals, junior Ray Shouse is helped off the mat by Coach Gensler. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)





## J.V. Wrestling

# YOUTH

*Positive attitudes allow wrestlers to keep spirits high*

by Brent Herrick

Junior varsity wrestling ended with a losing season, but the attitude of the team was an optimistic one.

"It was hard to lose but motivation from seniors kept us going," freshman Jeff Coffman said.

As is usually the case, youth and inexperience affected the team.

"We were inexperienced and young and this made the season very long," Coach John Verburg said.

Wrestling, an individual sport, required dedication and the will to win under pressure.

"It is a real individual effort so when you win, you have accomplished a lot without other teammates to back you up," observed Scott Leshner.

Coaching was one aspect of wrestling that proves vital as freshmen learn the fundamentals of the sport.

"I really don't know what we would do with-

*"We were inexperienced and young and this made the season very long."*

out good coaches to keep us from getting killed by the other teams. They do a good job of teaching us moves," junior Steve Kemsey said.

Consistency was an important part of the entire wrestling program. Junior varsity wrestlers made up the future of the program. The freshman and sophomore years provided the experience required at the varsity level.

"If wrestlers that you expect to do well for you quit, it is very hard to establish any kind of program. The best programs are formed when wrestlers stick with the program for four years," Coach Ed Gensler commented.

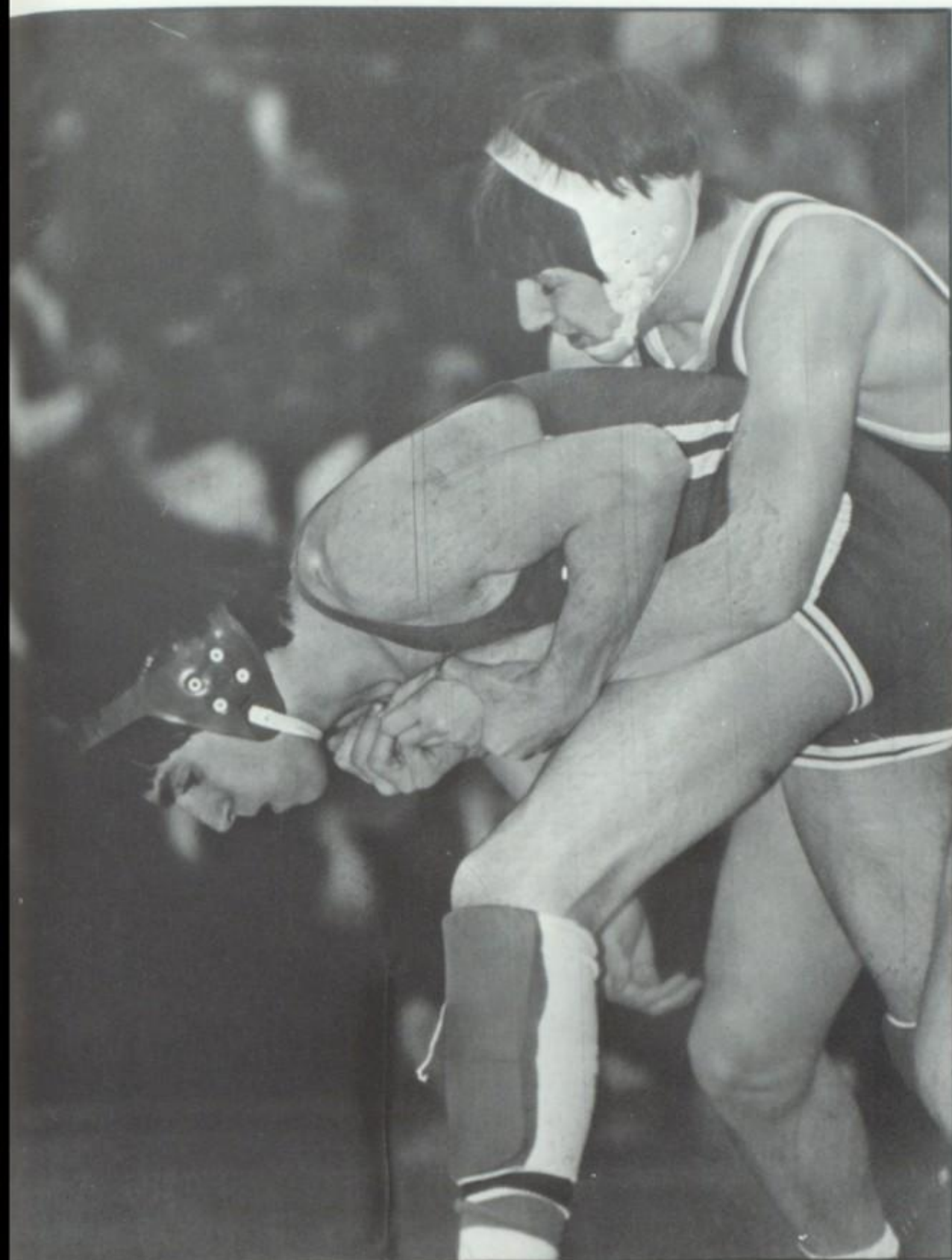
Next year appears promising for the varsity wrestling program. They have set high goals for the future.

"If we can keep everyone healthy and keep them from quitting the team, we should be able to compete with anybody. Hopefully, we can bring a conference championship to Truman, something which has not been seen in many years," Kemsey concluded.



Front Row: Jim Dutcher, Robert Thomas, Tim Peters, Mark Campbell, Alex Conde, Steve Kimsey. Back Row: Coach Verburg, Scott Leshner, Russell Pulliam, Brad Byers, John Tillman, John Lambros, Phil Hung. (Photo by Angie Proctor)

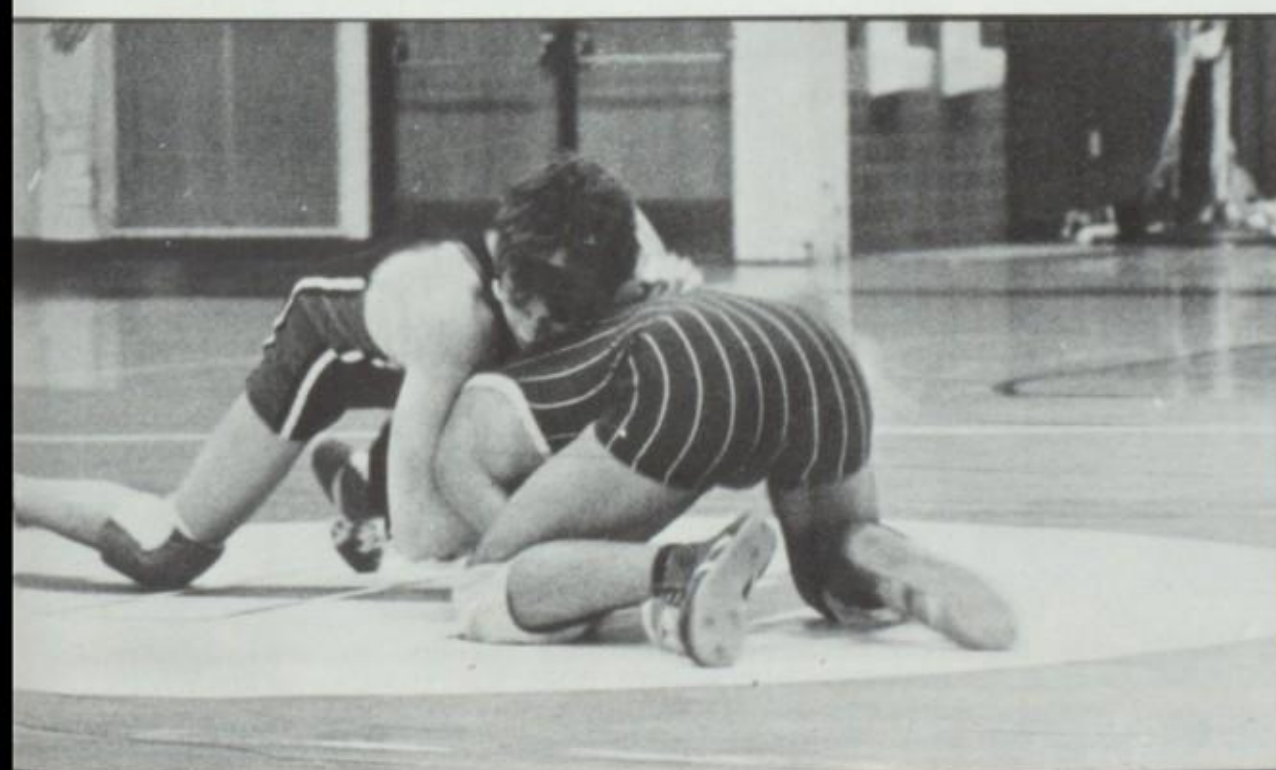




Sophomore Alex Conde prepares to throw his opponent to the mat. (Photo by Angie Proctor)

#### J.V. Wrestling

	Pats	Opp.
Center	27	33
Oak Park	12	57
Park Hill	12	55
Raytown	35	35
Blue Springs	36	42
Raytown South	12	60
Fort Osage	24	47
Lee's Summit	18	57
St. Pius	78	0
William Chrisman	30	47
1 win 8 losses 1 tie		



Trying to get behind for a two-point reversal is the goal of this wrestler. (Photo by Angie Proctor)





**Being a Ticker** also involves cheering for a swimmer. Sophomore Diane Murphy walks behind Coach Allen during an endurance race. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



**Wrestlerettes** — **Front Row:** Carla Medlin, Maria Ubaldo, Dawn May, Pam Hoeppner. **Second Row:** Ronda Church, April Neill, Cindy McCaughey, Chris Bailey, Jennifer Allen, Melissa Larsen. **Third Row:** Traci Skock, Jenifer Wishon, Shelley Engel, Briggett Bingham, Marcia Taylor, Andrea Brehm. **Not pictured:** Jennifer Coffman.



**Tickers** — **Front Row:** LeeAnn Kimball, Cindy Spratt, Natalie Peters (vice-president), Shannon Calohan (president), Michele Henneman, Marcia Taylor. **Second Row:** Teri Bolten, Susan Hulett, Kirstin Kramer, Katie Connors (treasurer), Traci Ince, Carolyn Gillmor. **Third Row:** Dawn Petersen, Pam MacGrayne, Jenny Smith, Melissa Larsen, Amee Sanders, Julie Schmid, Carmen Dunlap. **Not Pictured:** Diane Murphy (secretary), Christine Gillmor.



## Tickers/Wrestlerettes

# SUPPORT

*They're always there for swimmers, wrestlers*

by Shannon Calohan

**T**ickers and Wrestlerettes played important parts for the swimming and wrestling teams, yet they said they received little praise.

"Most of the school doesn't even know we have a swim team, let alone Tickers. We're very important, though," sophomore Natalie Peters, vice president, said.

"Coach Allen always says, 'You can have a football game without cheerleaders; you can have a wrestling match without Wrestlerettes; but you can't have a swim meet without Tickers.'"

"Those other sports can go on if their support groups don't show up, but if we don't show up, there can't be a swim meet," sophomore Diane Murphy, secretary, said.

Tickers did a lot more than people think. They set up the scoring table and got out all of the watches to make sure they're working. Then after the meet they took everything down. More work went into it than just timing.

"We literally run the meet. We time, keep score, support and cheer for the team. We do everything but swim," Diane smiled.

"Our purpose is to run the meet so the parents don't have to. They can sit and enjoy the meet. There needs to be 18 timers (three for each lane), a runner and two scorekeepers.

"People always think we're out there to meet

*"We literally run the meet . . . We do everything but swim."*

guys. But we get hot, sweaty and soaked, so I don't see how that's true. It's fun though," Natalie said.

However Tickers wasn't all hard work. Most of the group are swimmers, but you don't need to be one to time.

"We get to tell the swimmer the good or bad news. Nine out of ten times he looks up at you and immediately asks you for his time. It's neat when you get to tell him he made State or hit his best time," Diane said.

"I just hope the guys come out and support us," Natalie smiled.

Wrestlerettes were a different story. While Tickers time only at home meets, Wrestlerettes went to all away matches.

"We keep stats for the matches and cheer for them while they're wrestling. It's more of a support group," sophomore Linda Smith said.

Wrestlerettes show school spirit and enthusiasm as they sit on the mats cheering on each wrestler.

"It's getting involved with people," sophomore Dana Beebe said.

"I had school spirit and I wanted to show it in that sport. I also knew there weren't many people on it last year. I don't think people should put us down. We're just a group of girls that want to get out there and show our spirit. We just want to support the school . . . It's a great way to meet new people," Linda said.



Senior Angie Bennett and juniors Kirstin Kramer and Susan Hulett root for a swimmer during the 50-yard freestyle. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



Cheering on wrestlers is just one of the things Wrestlerettes do. They also keep stats for the team. (Photo by Angie Proctor)



## Varsity Swimming

# HIGH HOPES

*Varsity boys didn't do as well as they expected*

by Shannon Calohan

**A**lthough the season wasn't as good as the team would have liked, the varsity boy's swim team had a good season as individuals.

"We didn't do as good as we should have. We had a lot of depth this year so we should have done better," senior Chuck Cain said.

"We did as well as we could have. I liked what I did personally, but I wish the team could have done better since it was my senior year," senior Richard Murphy smiled.

Richard was the only member of the eight person varsity team to make State. Making State requires a swimmer to hit a certain time sometime in the season. The meet was in Columbia, Feb. 28 and Mar. 1.

"Richard did really well this year. He set a goal for himself and shot for it," Coach Doug Allen said.

"Richard and David Heins were really helpful

*"We didn't always win, but we had spirit."*

to the team. They brought in a lot of points," Chuck said.

The team had a lot of spirit and enthusiasm. They cheered for each other and didn't let one another get down.

"We didn't always win, but we had spirit. We swam hard and tried our best at every meet," junior David Heins said.

"David and Dean Bullock psyched us up. All of us pushed each other, but those two helped get us psyched up. We pushed each other as hard as we could getting ready for Conference," Richard said.

The team had a lot of newcomers that did well: "We had a lot of newcomers that turned out to be good. We had more time to practice, too," David said.

"I think we had a better team than last year. We should have done better but the competition got tougher, as well," Richard said. "There was more competition this year . . . a lot more challenge to it. Other teams had a lot of good swimmers that came up."



Front Row: Steve Goetz, Richard Murphy. Back Row: Chris Resch, Dean Bullock, Sean Nunn, David Heins, Chuck Cain. (Photo by Shannon Calohan)

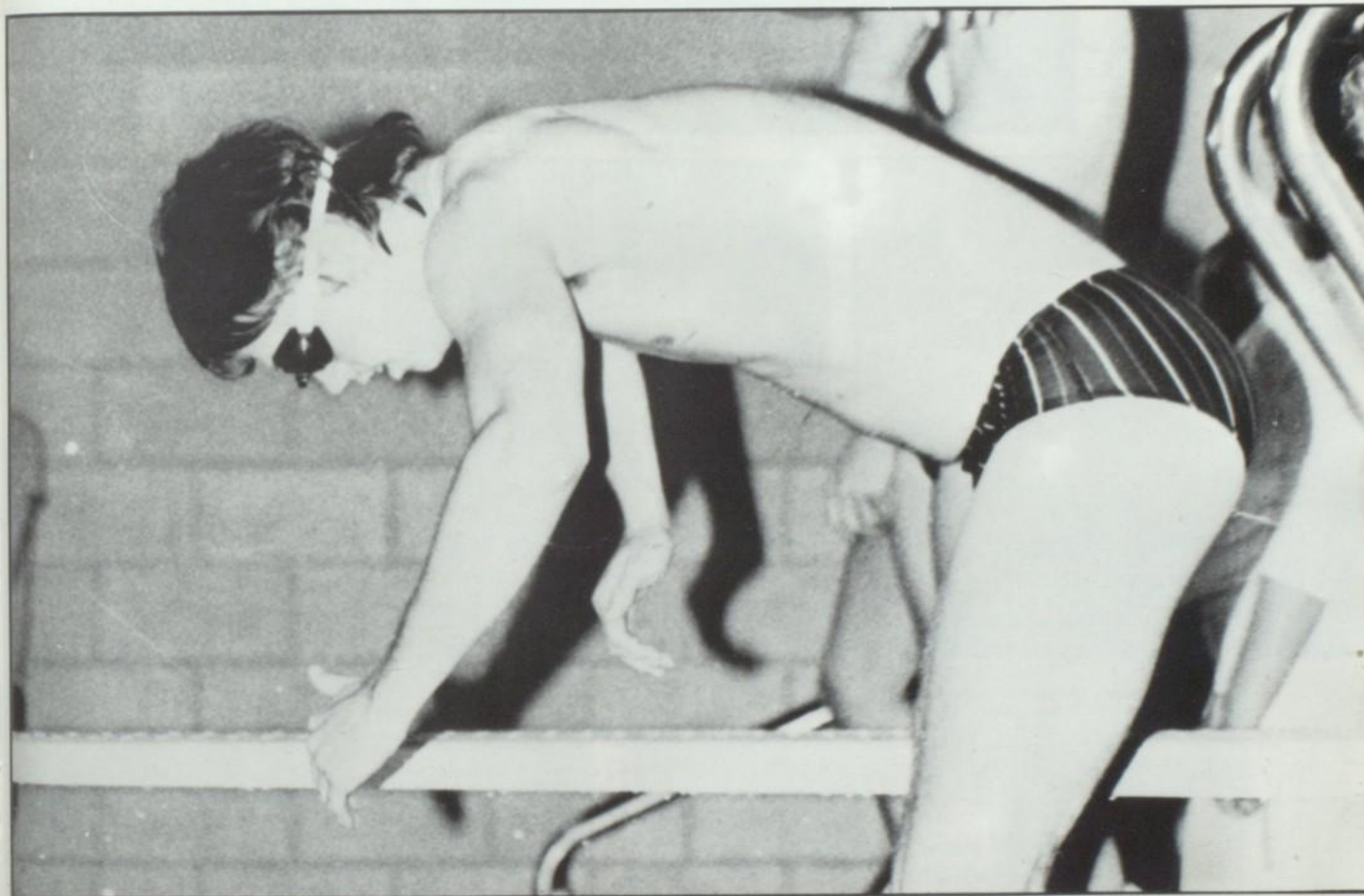


Senior Richard Murphy paces himself during the 500 yard freestyle. Richard was the only team member to qualify for State. (Photo by Bryan Gamble)



Varsity Boys' Swimming

	Pats	Opp.
Raytown South	79	94
Center	105	66
Sedalia	118	52
Blue Valley	23	103
Park Hill	51	116
Liberty	55	117
Raytown	36	50
Blue Springs	83	88
St. Joe Central	98	73
Raytown Invitational		5th
Ray-South Invitational		11th
Conference Varsity		6th
Conference J.V.		2nd



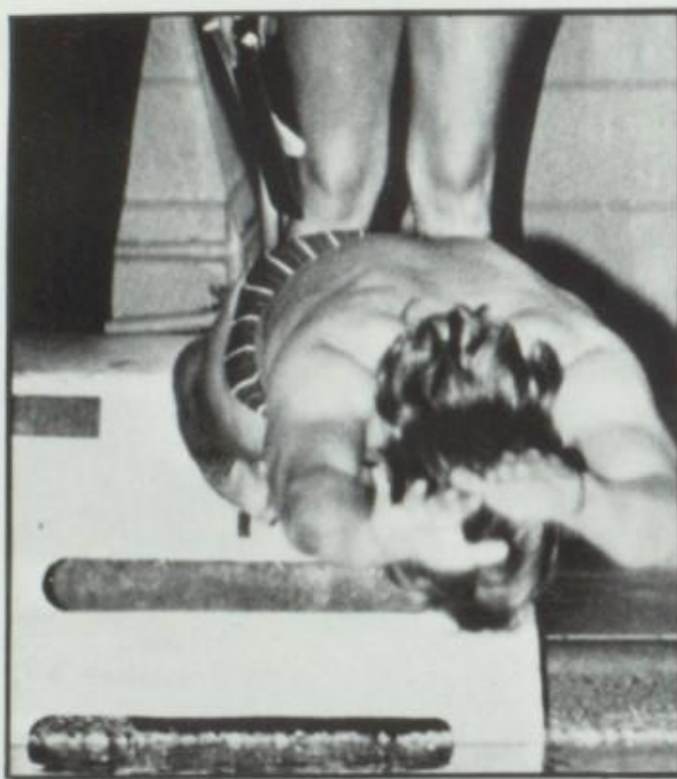
Importance in relays comes with starting no sooner than when the preceding swimmer hits the wall. Senior Steve Goerz watches for the touch. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



**Front Row:** Brian Maxwell, Wally Meierarend. **Second Row:** Brian Grable, Mike Boles, Brian Barnum, Jared Pentler, John DeYoung. **Back Row:** Keith Smith, Jason Pickel, Doug Yancey, Brent Zelk, Bryan Gamble, Danny Boles, Steve Elrick. (Photo by Greg Carr)

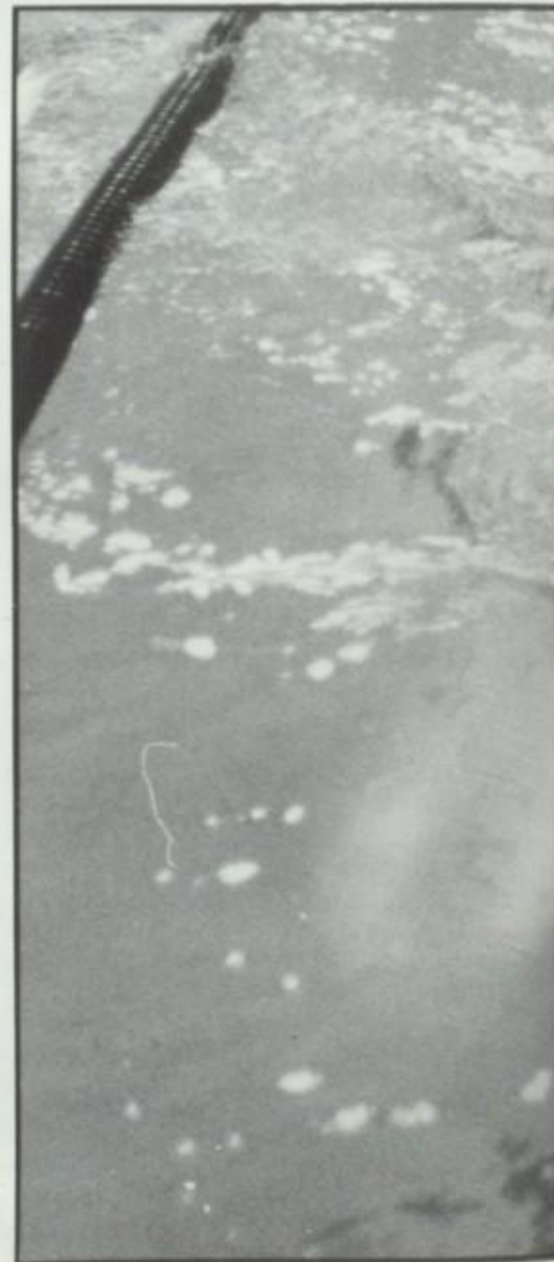


Sophomore Bryan Gamble takes a quick breath between strokes while doing the butterfly. (Photo by Shannon Calohan)



Getting a long shallow dive is important in having a quick start. Junior Chris Resch shoots off the block to be the first one in the water. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

Sophomore John DeYoung catches a quick breath while swimming the breaststroke. (Photo by Shannon Calohan)





# J.V. Swimming ROOKIES

## *JV swimming learn from varsity*

by Shannon Calohan

**T**he boy's J.V. swim team didn't really have a good season, but they pulled through in the end by placing second at Conference.

"We only won three meets. We didn't do too great," sophomore Bryan Gamble said.

"I think we should have won a lot more meets," sophomore Wally Meierarend said.

Although the season wasn't as good as they thought it would be, the team agreed that a couple of people really stood out at Conference and helped the team place second.

"Sophomore Chris Marks is a really good distance swimmer. He pulled us ahead a little in the free relay and that helped us break the record," sophomore Steve Elrick said.

"Chris swam junior varsity, but his time qualified for the top 12 in the varsity meet. That's super for a first-year swimmer," Coach Doug Allen said.

Not doing that well for the season made each

**"We have a lot of spirit. We cheered for the varsity and they cheered for us."**

swimmer and diver try his hardest in individual events.

"We didn't do that well overall, but I think everyone did good in their individual events," Steve said.

"Coach is always an outstanding part of the team. He gave us the encouragement we needed, but if we did bad he told us. That made us work harder," Bryan said.

Togetherness was definitely something the team had plenty of.

"We had a lot of spirit. We cheered for the varsity and they cheered for us," Steve said.

"Jerry Beck and Jason Pickel taught me a lot of stuff. They helped me on my inwards and other dives," Wally said.

Practicing all those days wasn't always tiring. There were a lot of advantages that came from them.

"I had taken gymnastics. That was an advantage for me. I was so light, though I couldn't bend the board and get as high a jump as the other guys," Wally said.



Sophomore Jason Pickel extends his body to get a clean entry into the water. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



## Pep Club

# ENTHUSIASM

*Girls show spirit by attending games*

by Shannon Calohan

**G**irls joined Pep Club for different reasons, yet each had to support teams to earn points.

Some girls were in it to try out for Starsteppers or cheerleader. Others were in it to be an officer or just to show their school spirit.

"I'm in it to do something for the school. It's fun and it lets you support the teams," sophomore Donna Sultzbaugh said.

"I'm in Pep Club to try out for Starsteppers," sophomore Denise Cline said.

To try out for Starsteppers or Cheerleading, girls needed to get 75 points in football, volleyball and boys' and girls' basketball.

"You get 10 points for sitting in Pep Club for an entire game. If you want to letter, you need 100 points in each sport. For every year that you get those 100 points, you get a bar to go on the letter," sponsor Sondra Stephens said.

They also had two major fundraisers: They sold Gold C Coupon books in the fall and M&M's later in the year. The money went toward buying

cookie cakes for each team and supporting Homecoming and Courtwarming.

"The money buys flowers, programs and materials for backdrops for Homecoming and Courtwarming," Donna said.

Pep Club was in charge of Homecoming and Courtwarming. They did everything from nominating two of the queen candidates to decorating for the dance and designing the queen's backdrop.

"We had to order flowers, print the programs and make all the backdrops. We also get two nominations," Donna said.

This year Pep Club did something extra. They sold football and basketball buttons. The money went to help needy families and help support some of the less-attended sports.

"This year we had 16 families. We gave each of them one pound of potatoes and a Gold C Coupon Book," Stephens said.

"We wanted to help out the sports that aren't so famous. This was our way of showing them we care," she added.

"It's a school activity that's a lot of fun. You can cheer and be with your friends. There's not a lot of work and anyone can join," Denise said.

*"It's a school activity that's a lot of fun."*



Freshmen Krista Abernathy and Tricia Horn watch the game between cheers. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Being in Pep Club includes cheering teams on to victory with a lot of spirit and enthusiasm. Pep Club shows their support at a Volleyball game. (Photo by Greg Carr)





Sophomores Diane Dietrich and Carrie Lierman yell with the cheerleaders at a girls' basketball game. (Photo by Greg Carr)



**Pep Club** — **Front Row:** Melanie Foudree, vice-president; Susan Appleberry, president; Carrie Lierman, secretary; Donna Sultzbaugh, spirit chairman. **Second Row:** Kelly Edinger, Angela Hedding, Kim Smith, Melissa Payne, Cindy McCaughy, Jodi Cook, Diane Dietrich, Rhonda Free, Lisa Clay. **Third Row:** Laura Pagel, April Yount, Belinda Parker, Audrey Minor, Jennifer Jones, Michelle Hutchins, Kellie Clark, Teri Bolten, Jennifer Allen. **Fourth Row:** Kristina Estroda, Dawn May, Traci Skoch, Ronda Church, Pam Hoepfner, Audi O'Dell, Christi King, Sara McDonald, Frankie Jo Campbell. **Fifth Row:** Jodi Karr, Kim Brewer, Christi Buro, Lori Springer, Tricia Eckman, Cheryl Crain, Shelley Vaughn, Carrie Gutekunst. **Sixth Row:** Tiffany Cipolla, Stacey Anderson, Valerie Rago, Melissa Madewell,

Tanya Stark, Amy Miller, Beth Welborn, Julie Howe. **Seventh Row:** Lynette Finnell, Krista Abernathy, Dina Karas, Jennifer Jenkins, Shirlene Flory, Melissa Cupp, Page Gamble, Penny Carder, Debbie Brinkmeyer. **Eighth Row:** Denise Van Wormer, Gina Burasco, Ginny Shellhorn, Nansi Rocha, Anissa Jardak, Debbie Dauer, Carrie Averill. **Ninth Row:** Donna Stephens, Cheryl Richardson, Leslie Kuske, Jennifer Jones, Joely Link, Tandy Devine, Tara Pescetto. **Tenth Row:** Becky Schafter, Sherry Koftan, Cyndi Gregston, Sherry Danzo. **Back Row:** Jennifer Hopper, Laci Eslinger, Kelley Gray, Tricia Horn, Michele Henceman, Debbie Boyd, Theresa Daniels. **Not pictured:** Chris Apple, Cari Christensen, Stephanie Main, Amy Ruhling.



**Varsity Squad — Front Row:** Cari Christensen, Becky Schafer, Sherry Koftan. **Second Row:** Cindy Gregston, Amy Ruhling, Sherry Danzo. **Top:** Stephanie Main. (Photo by Greg Carr)

**Cheerleaders practice their stunts before the game.** (Photo by Greg Carr)



**Stephanie jumps for joy** as Truman makes another touchdown. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)



**Cheerleaders, with the help of Yell leaders,** put on a Santa and reindeer skit at the Christmas assembly. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



## Cheerleading

# DEDICATION

*Cheering full-time pays off*

by Mary Kackley

**T**hey kept the excitement flowing, yet cheerleaders said cheering wasn't all fun and games.

"It takes a lot of practices; we practice every Sunday, Wednesday and before games on Fridays," Becky Schafer, varsity cheerleader, said.

"Cheerleading takes up my spare time, but I think it's worth it. It's fun and gets you involved with school," Denise VanWormer, white squad cheerleader, said.

Not only did cheerleaders practice their routines all school year, they also practiced all summer.

"We went to the NCA (National Cheerleading Association) camp in Tennessee. There, we stayed for a week learning new cheers and chants," Cari Christensen, varsity captain, said.

"We woke up and ate breakfast at 7 a.m., then did aerobics for half an hour, then for the rest of the day we learned new materials with breaks for lunch and dinner," Denise said.

"Also, after dinner we were evaluated on what we learned that day and received ribbons based on the evaluation (blue, superior; red, excel-

*"You need more than a pretty smile to be a cheerleader."*

lent; white, outstanding)," Becky said.

There are about 30 squads competing. The squads vote on each other to determine who gets the spirit award. The instructors decide who gets the main awards," Cari explained. Also, on the last evening of camp, whichever squad won the spirit stick gets to take it home.

"Truman has earned one every year and once again this year," she said.

"We received four blue ribbons, also," Lynette Finnel, freshman co-captain, said.

Also with a week of camp, the girls practiced every day during the summer from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

"It take a lot of commitment and dedication to get up and practice cheers during the summer," Cari said.

"I don't think we get as much recognition as we should. You need more than a pretty smile to be a cheerleader," Denise said. "You need to be dedicated, outgoing, and be able to do jumps and flips . . ." she continued.

"You have to want to be involved with school activities," Lynette said.

Cheerleaders agreed, even with all the practice.  
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Keeping the spirit alive and flowing, Varsity Cheerleaders lead spectators into another cheer. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

Red Squad — Front Row: Cheryl Richardson, Leslie Kuske, Joely Link. Back Row: Donna Stephens, Jennifer Jones, Tandy Devine, Tara Pescetto. (Photo by Greg Carr)



## Cheerleading

# Squads attend summer camps

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ces and time they put into cheerleading after being accepted, is nothing compared to the try-outs.

"We look for stiff motions, low voices, enthusiasm, ability to learn cheers, high jumps and a lot of picky things that other people wouldn't realize," Cari said.

"Before tryouts I get nervous . . . stop eating, sleeping . . . all I think about is if I'll make the squad," Debbie Dauer, red squad captain, said.

Cheerleaders also had to maintain a C grade-point average and follow the cheerleading constitution to stay a cheerleader.

"If we don't follow the cheerleader's constitution, we get demerits first, then put on probation, then kicked off the squad . . . no one had any of these this year," Dona Stephens, red squad, said.

The girls agree that it takes hard work and

*"I admit being a cheerleader becomes your life. Everything seems to revolve around that . . ."*

dedication to be a cheerleader, but recognized it costs a lot.

"It costs about \$800 or more a year. The expenses include our uniforms, camp and other little things that all add up," Lynette said.

"It's all worth it! It's fun and gets you involved with school, which makes school easier and more exciting," Becky said.

As Becky found, cheerleading was more than just a school activity. She was offered a job to teach cheerleading at the NCA camp.

"I admit being a cheerleader becomes your life. Everything seems to revolve around that, but you don't resent it," Becky said.

Becky, along with others agreed that cheerleading took up most of their time. Becky summed up the cheerleaders' feelings:

"We all love to cheer. That's why we pay all the money and go to the practices and all the games. Just being able to cheer makes all the bad points of cheering less apparent."



Roaring with enthusiasm, Tara cheers on her team. (Photo by Greg Carr)

Freshman Squad — Front Row: Melissa Cupp, Dina Karas. Second Row: Page Gamble, Lynette Finnel, Shirlene Flory. Third Row: Debbie Brinkmeyer, Penny Carder, Krista Abernathy. Back Row: Jennifer Jenkins. (Photo by Greg Carr)





**White Squad — Front Row:** Debbie Dauer, Cari Averill. **Back Row:** Denise Van Wormer, Ginny Shellhorn, Gina Burasco, Nansi Rocha, Annissa Jardak. The White Squad proves that practice makes perfect in doing their difficult stunts and routine performances. (Photo by Greg Carr)



**Cheryl shows her spirit as Truman gains another point.** (Photo by Greg Carr)



**Patience and dedication** make up some of the qualities to be a cheerleader. (Photo by Angie Proctor)

**The Red squad's yells** of encouragement helps Truman win on to victory. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Performing provides enjoyment for senior Susan Appleberry. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)

Precise arm movements are essential for junior Lori Springer. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



Starsteppers end a performance to "I Would Die for You" with a special formation. (Photo by Tim Mitchell)



## Starsteppers

# WORTHWHILE

*Starsteppers spend long hours practicing*

by Brent Herrick

**S**tarsteppers spent many long hours during the summer developing their crowd-pleasing performances.

"We practice every morning during the summer and this is very hard work. We went to Kansas University to camp," Captain Shelley Vaughn said.

With all this preparation, Starsteppers were ready to perform and receive that well deserved applause for the many hours of tedious practice.

"Although the practices were long and hard, the crowd response to our routines was all we wanted to hear and made all the work well worth our time," junior Christi Buro said.

What was it like when all these girls got together to learn routines? Most of the time they got down to work with the purpose of perfection in mind.

"The squad this year has worked well together

*"We practice every morning during the summer and this is very hard work . . ."*

er and is very organized," lieutenant Susan Appleberry said.

What is in store for the juniors who next year will lead the squad? They hope to keep a high level of enthusiasm and continue to improve their performances.

"I hope we can perform even more next year, maybe for some girl's games," Christi added.

Routines at ballgames were not the only activities where Starsteppers performed:

"We get to march in parades and also perform at the NAIA Tournament which is very exciting for us," Shelley said.

Some seniors knew this was probably the last time they would ever participate as a drill team member:

"It will be sad to see this year end, but I will not be doing any more performing I don't think," Susan said with a sad tone.

"I really enjoy working with the girls and feel that they have done a good job," sponsor Judy Bruch concluded.



Senior Valerie Rago performs "Hello Again" with flare.  
(Photo by Tim Mitchell)

**Starsteppers — Front Row:** Valerie Rago (lieutenant), Susan Appleberry (lieutenant), Melanie Foudree, Carrie Gutekunst (lieutenant), Beth Welborn, Julie Howe. **Second Row:** Stacey Anderson, Tiffany Cipolla, Melissa Madewell, Cheryl Crain, Jodi Karr, Shelley Vaughn (captain). **Back Row:** Tricia Eckman, Kim Brewer, Tanya Stark, Amy Miller, Christi Buro, Lori Springer. **Not pictured:** Marlo Miller (lieutenant).



# Students react to casual tags

by Hollie Glass

Originality is the name of the game. Students are placed in a group of "in's" or "out's" by the way they dress; a category of how "bad" they are by the car they drive; and how cute, absurd or radical they are by their actions. And nicknames can add even more meaning to a student's personality.

Sophomore Lance Miller, otherwise known as Pooh, doesn't feel as if he prides himself with his nickname. But how does he introduce himself to new friends?

"I tell them Lance, then they'll just hear it (Pooh) from my friends." He said his dad gave him the nickname a long time ago.

Another curious nickname is Wendell for senior Brent Herrick.

Brent said the name is usually re-

stricted to his group of friends, but every once in awhile someone will hear it. The name stems from a comic strip that senior Cam Larsen and junior Dave Burrus found. The comic portrayed a carload of boys cruising with a miniature person strapped to the antenna of the car, with the underlying punchline, "Wendell, being the shortest of the group, is hung out the window to attract girls."

When asked how the comic and Brent were finally linked, Cam said, "Well, when we all went out, we thought of the cartoon . . . and of Brent . . . and it's just Brent." And the name stuck.

The actions of sophomore Marci Campbell are definitely described as radical. To her friends she is attractively known as "Marci Moo."

"It's probably because I eat like a cow and no one is telling me," she said.

What do you think about being nicknamed after an animal?

"I guess I asked for it. Cows are my favorite animals. They're cute the way they eat and chew their food."

Many nicknames, though, have double meanings.

Senior Cara Hawks prefers to tell people that her nickname, Eddie, came from a member of the group, Flock of Seagulls. Her friends like to tease her, though, that it came from the television show "The Munsters" and Eddie, the youngest son of the family.

"It started a long time ago, before any of my other friends had nicknames," she said.

"It doesn't really hurt to be called Eddie. It just makes me mad that they don't realize what I go through for it. It probably won't stick a long time, or at least with everybody — just with my close friends."

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*the name game*



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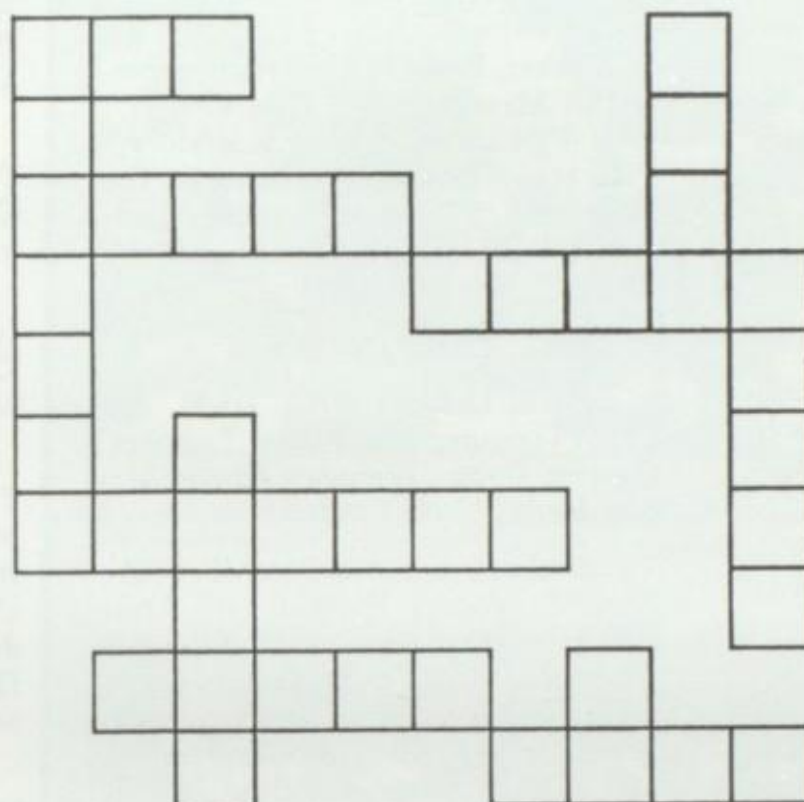
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# SENIOR

## DIRECTORY

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**Accurso, Sam:** Varsity Football, Fresh. Basketball, Varsity Tennis, NFL, Senior Class Treasurer.

**Ali, Sylveena:** "West Side Story," "The King and I," NHS, Interact, Science Club, French Club, AFS, McCoy Medal.

**Allen, Pat:** Fresh. Football, J.V. Golf, Varsity Golf, NHS, Interact, StuCo, Quill and Scroll, French Club, Science Club, Heritage Staff (Editor-In-Chief), Junior Class Treasurer, Boys' State, McCoy Medal.

**Alumbaugh, Anna:** Varsity Tennis, StuCo, Pep Club, DECA, Spanish Club, Girls' Glee.

**Amadio, David:** McCoy Medal.

**Anderson, Becky:** Tri-M, Counselor Aide, Pat Revue, Concert Choir, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Show Band, Trutones.

**Anderson, Rhonda:** Fresh. Volleyball, Pep Club, Office Aide, Girls' Glee.

**Anderson, Stacy:** "Ah Wilderness," "West Side Story," "Exit the Body," "Little Moon of Alban," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," Thespians (Secretary, Treasurer), Tickers, Pep Club, French Club, AFS, Office Aide.

**Appleberry, Susan:** Baseball Scorekeeper, Basketball Statistics, Football Statistics, Bat Girl, NHS, StuCo, NAHS, Presidents Club, Pep Club, Quill and Scroll (Secretary), BBG, Pep Club (Treasurer, President), McCoy Medal, Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar Representative, Basketball Court-warming Queen, Valentine's Dance Committee, Beach Party Dance Committee, Homecoming Dance Committee, Heritage Staff (Graphic Design Editor), Starsteppers (Lieutenant), Outstanding Senior, Miss School Spirit (nominee).

**Ash, Lesley:** Fresh. Volleyball (Captain), DECA, Office Aide, Women's Choir.

**Ausmus, Diana:** J.V. Softball, Varsity Softball, Football Statistics.

**Austell, Michael:** J.V. Track, Varsity Track, J.V. Cross Country, Varsity Cross Country, NHS, Interact, AFS, McCoy Medal.

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**Baker, Eric:** J.V. Track, J.V. Swimming, NHS, Interact, NAHS (President), AFS, Science Club (Treasurer), Computer Club, McCoy Medal.

**Barnes, Rex:** Chess Club, Computer Club, Pat Revue, Men's Choir.

**Battor, Diane:** Pep Club, Quill and Scroll, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Office Aide, Spirit Staff (Sports Editor), McCoy Medal.

**Beacham, Scott:** Men's Choir.

**Bachand, Chris:** J.V. Track, Varsity Track, Fresh. Basketball, Soph. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball, Men's Choir.

**Baker, Bryan:** J.V. Wrestling, Basketball Manager, "The Odd Couple," "Ah Wilderness," "West Side Story," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," Thespians, Audio Visual Aide, Counselor Aide, Pat Revue, Men's Choir.

**Beck, Chris:** J.V. Diving.

**Beck, Debbie:** NHS, Tri-M, Pep Club (Treasurer), Pat Revue, Trutones, Concert Choir, Women's Choir, McCoy Medal.

**Beebe, Jim:** Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, Varsity Football (All-Area, All-Conference, All-District, All-State, All-Metro), J.V. Track, Varsity Track, Fresh. Basketball, Soph. Basketball, Office Aide, Powder Puff Cheerleader, Men's Choir, Symphonic Band.

**Bennett, Angie:** McCoy Medal.

**Bertrand, Stahr:** "Ah Wilderness," French Club, AFS, Office Aide, Girls' Glee.

**Bingham, Bruce:** Soph. Football, J.V. Football, J.V. Wrestling, Varsity Wrestling (Second Districts, Fourth Districts).

**Bishop, Lisa:** Freshman Choir.

**Bolten, Brian:** Fresh. Basketball, Soph. Basketball, J.V. Baseball, NAHS, McCoy Medal.

**Bond, Megan:** Fresh. Basketball, Fresh. Volleyball, NHS, NFL, French Club, Freshman Choir, McCoy Medal.

**Bowman, S. Keith:** Science Club, Computer Club, Library Aide.

**Bradley, John:** Interact, French Club, Men's Choir.

**Bredhoeft, Keith:** J.V. Baseball, AFS, Science Club.

**Brewer, Kirk:** "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," Thespians, Computer Club.

**Bridges, Becky:** J.V. Track.

**Bronson, Valya:** "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," Thespians, DECA (Librarian), Pat Revue, Concert Choir, Women's Choir (Secretary), McCoy Medal.

**Brower, Radonna:** Pat Revue, Girls' Glee.

**Brown, Paige:** J.V. Track, Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Fresh. Volleyball, J.V. Volleyball, FCA, Interact, Presidents Club, Tri-M, NFL (Vice-President, Secretary), Pat Revue, Trutones, Concert Choir, Symphonic Band, Women's Choir, McCoy Medal.

**Brown, Sharla:** "The King and I," NHS, StuCo, Pep Club, French Club, AFS, Cheerleader (Freshmen Squad — Capt., Varsity Squad), Girls' Glee, McCoy Medal.

**Buchanan, Lynn:** J.V. Track, Track Manager, Football Statistics, Pep Club (Secretary), SOO, Dance Committees.

**Bullard, James:** J.V. Track, Varsity Track, J.V. Cross Country, Varsity Cross Country, NHS, Interact, McCoy Medal.

**Bundschi, Beth:** J.V. Track, J.V. Tennis, Varsity Tennis, Fresh. Volleyball, NHS, Interact (Treasurer, Outstanding Junior Award), StuCo, Pep Club, French Club, AFS (Vice-President), Quill and Scroll, Science Club, Heritage Staff (Photography Editor), McCoy Medal.

**Burke, Erin:** J.V. Track, "Little Moon of Alban," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," Thespians, Tri-M (Secretary), Pep Club, French Club, AFS, Pat Revue, Girls' Glee, Trutones, Concert Choir, Freshman Choir, MAE Singers.

**Butler, Ann:** DECA, Spanish Club, Office Aide, Treble Twelve, Women's Choir.

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**Cain, Chuck:** J.V. Swimming, Varsity Swimming, French Club, AFS, Science Club.

**Calohan, Shannon:** J.V. Swimming, Varsity Swimming, Tickers, Pep Club, French Club (Executive Council), AFS, Heritage Staff (Portraits Editor, Assistant Sports Editor), Girls' Glee.

**Campbell, Rick:** French Club.

**Carr, Greg:** StuCo, Heritage Staff (Head Photographer), Spirit Staff (Photographer), Concert Choir.



**Case, Darcy:** StuCo, Pep Club, Spanish Club, Spirit Staff (Managing Editor).

**Cathcart, Kathryn:** Pep Club, Science Club, Spanish Club.

**Caton, Kimberly:** Spanish Club.

**Chandler, Gretchen:** Pep Club, DECA.

**Chandra, Devi Widya Eva:** "The King and I," Pep Club, AFS.

**Christensen, Camilla:** Pat Revue, Girls' Glee.

**Christensen, Cari:** "Ah Wilderness," "West Side Story," "Exit the Body," "Little Moon of Alban," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," FCA, StuCo, Thespians, Presidents Club, Pep Club, NFL, French Club, AFS, BBG, Cheerleader (Freshmen Squad, Red Squad, Varsity Squad — Captain), Senior Class Secretary, Girls' Glee.

**Clark, Tim:** Varsity Wrestling, Wrestling Scorekeeper, Concert Band.

**Claxton, Kyla:** J.V. Swimming, Pep Club, French Club, Pat Revue, Girls' Glee, Women's Choir (Librarian).

**Cline, Vivian:** DECA, Girls' Glee.

**Clymer, Bill:** Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Track, DECA.

**Coe, Richie:** Fresh. Football, J.V. Track, Varsity Track.

**Coffman, Jennifer:** Softball Manager, Softball Scorekeeper, Wrestlerettes (Captain), French Club, Pat Revue, Treble Twelve, Sugar 'N' Spice, Freshman Choir, Women's Choir.

**Cole, Carol:** J.V. Tennis, Tri-M, French Club, Counselor Aide, Spirit Staff (Circulation Manager), Pat Revue, Trutones, Concert Choir, Freshman Choir, Women's Choir (President).

**Coleman, Brian:** DECA, Nutrition Council.

**Confer, Mike:** Fresh. Volleyball, "The King and I," Pep Club, AFS, DECA, Freshman Choir.

**Cordle, Peggy:** J.V. Diving, Varsity Diving, Varsity Swimming, Fresh. Volleyball, "Any Number Can Die," "Ah Wilderness," "West Side Story," "Exit the Body," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," StuCo, Thespians, Tickers, NFL, French Club, AFS, Quill and Scroll, Christmas Dance Committee, Spirit Staff (Copy Editor), Pat Revue, Treble Twelve, Concert Choir, Women's Choir.

**Cornine, Kelly:** SOO, Pat Revue, Concert Choir, Freshman Choir.

**Cott, Timothy:** "The King and I," Science Club, Computer Club, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Pep Band, Show Band.



In a special report on KCBC TV-9, Peggy Breit interviews Independence Mayor Barbara Potts and community members about the crackdown on cruising Noland Road. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)



Waiting for the cameras to roll, journalism and publications students anticipate their chance to ask questions as their part of the audience-participation group. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)



**Cottrell, Tami:** "The King and I," NAHS, Tickers, French Club, AFS (Vice-President), McCoy Medal.

**Couzens, Jennifer:** J.V. Track, J.V. Cross Country, Varsity Cross Country, Track Manager, Science Club, Spanish Club, Freshman Choir.

**Cunningham, Cheryl:** Pep Club, Pat Revue, Girls' Glee, Freshman Choir.

**Cupp, Michelle:** J.V. Softball, "The King and I," NHS (Treasurer), StuCo (Secretary), Presidents Club, Tri-M (President), French Club, AFS, Concert Band (President), Pep Band, Show Band, Orchestra, McCoy Medal.

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**Davis, Angela:** DECA.

**Davis, James:** Fresh. Football, DECA.

**Davis, Rhonda:** Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Basketball (Captain), Varsity Basketball, Fresh. Volleyball, Volleyball Statistics, Interact, StuCo (Student and Community Concerns Chairman), NFL, Courtwarming Attendant, Outstanding Senior, Concert Choir, Freshman Choir, Women's Choir, McCoy Medal.

**Day, Douglas:** NHS, Presidents Club, Chess Club, Computer Club, Heritage Staff (Photographer), McCoy Medal.

**Doll, Michelle:** "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," Thespians, Presidents Club, Pep Club, AFS, Pat Revue, Sugar 'N' Spice, Girls' Glee, Concert Choir, MAE Singers.

**Donahue, Lucia:** Basketball Statistics, Football Statistics, NHS, Presidents Club, Pep Club, French Club (President), French Honor Society, McCoy Medal.

**Donnici, Phillip:** Chess Club.

**DuRee, Mike:** NHS, Computer Club, McCoy Medal.

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**Eiken, Tammie:** French Club, DECA, Girls' Glee.

**Eslinger, Rob:** J.V. Track.

**Exposito, Susan:** J.V. Tennis, "The Odd Couple," FCA, Interact, French Club, AFS (Entertainment Chairman), French Honor Society.

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**Felden, Myke:** J.V. Track.

**Fellers, Jennifer:** Quill and Scroll, Spanish Honor Society, Spirit Staff (Sports Editor), Freshman Choir.

**Fetters, Bill:** DECA, Men's Choir.

**Folkert, Michelle:** J.V. Swimming, Tickers, Pep Club, French Club (Program Director), AFS, French Honor Society.

**Fortner, Steve:** Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Soph. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball, J.V. Baseball, Office Aide.

**Foudree, Melanie:** Fresh. Basketball, Basketball Statistics, Football Statistics, Volleyball Statistics, FCA, StuCo, Pep Club (Spirit Chairman, Vice-President), French Club, Quill and Scroll (Vice-President), Valentine's Dance Committee, Spirit Staff (Photography Editor), Starsteppers, Pat Revue, Concert Choir, Symphonic Band, Women's Choir.

**Franciskato, Brian:** J.V. Track, J.V. Cross Country, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," NHS, Interact, StuCo (Vice-President), French Club, AFS, Science Club, Christmas Dance Committee, McCoy Medal, Presidential Classroom.



The mural in the front hall, dedicated to Harry and Bess Truman, greeted students and visitors for the first full year. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



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**Kinney, Karen:** Varsity Track, Fresh. Basketball, Varsity Basketball (Captain), J.V. Football, Varsity Softball, Varsity Volleyball, FCA, Interact (Domestics Chairman), StuCo, AFS, Spanish Club, Who's Who Sports, Symphonic Band, McCoy Medal.

**Koe, David:** J.V. Track, J.V. Golf, FCA, Science Club, Symphonic Band, Pep Band.

**Koftan, Sherry:** J.V. Swimming, "Ah Wilderness," "The King and I," StuCo, Pep Club, NFL, Spanish Club, Homecoming Queen, Cheerleader (Freshmen Squad, Red Squad, Varsity Squad), Freshman Class Secretary, Student of the Fortnight, Pat Revue, Treble Twelve, Concert Choir, Women's Choir, McCoy Medal.

**Korenak, David:** Men's Choir.

**Kramer, Wes:** Varsity Soccer (Most Improved Player), FCA, Interact, AFS, Pat Revue, Concert Choir, Concert Band, Trutones, Show Band.

**Krueger, Mike:** Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Track.

**Kuhn, Shelly:** J.V. Track, Fresh. Volleyball, J.V. Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball, NHS (Secretary), Pep Club (Vice-President), Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Pat Revue, Concert Choir, Freshman Choir, McCoy Medal.

**Kuhn, Steve:** J.V. Swimming.

**Kuhnert, Heather:** Fresh. Basketball, Varsity Basketball, Fresh. Volleyball, J.V. Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball (All-Conference, All-Metro Honorable Mention, All-Regional), Varsity Softball, NHS, Interact, Spanish Club, Freshman Choir, McCoy Medal.

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**Laber, David:** Soph. Basketball, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," Thespians, DECA.

**Lammers, Elizabeth:** Softball Manager, "Ah Wilderness," "West Side Story," "Exit the Body," "Little Moon of Alban," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," StuCo, Thespians, Tickers, Pep Club, NFL (Squad Captain), Wrestlerettes, French Club, AFS.

**Lara, Joanne:** J.V. Track, Tickers, AFS, Nutrition Council, Library Aide, Audio Visual Aide, Pat Revue, Girls' Glee.

**Larsen, Cameron:** Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Baseball, NHS (Vice-President), Interact, StuCo, Presidents Club, French Club, AFS, Quill

and Scroll (President), Science Club, French Honor Society, Bob Squad, Heritage Staff (Copy Editor), Junior Class Secretary, Sophomore Pilgrimage, McCoy Medal, Boy's State.

**Leabo, Chad:** J.V. Track, StuCo, NAHS (Treasurer), French Club (Executive Council), AFS (Publicity and Entertainment Chairman), Homecoming Dance Committee.

**LeVota, Paul:** FCA, Interact, StuCo (President, Publicity Chairman), Presidents Club, NFL, Quill and Scroll (Treasurer), Spirit Staff (News Editor), Homecoming Dance Committee, Christmas Dance Committee, Beach Party Dance Committee, Valentine's Dance Committee, Courtwarming Dance Committee, Junior Class President, Presidential Classroom, Youth in Government, Metropolitan Leadership Day, NFL, Student Congress.

**LeVota, Steve:** DECA, Counselor Aide, Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Minute Men.

**Linhardt, Steve:** Symphonic Band.

**Linville, Amy:** Varsity Diving, DECA, French Club, AFS, Cheerleader (Freshman Squad, White Squad).

**Lovell, Christina:** Fresh. Volleyball, French Club.

**Lovewell, Carmen:** NHS, Pep Club, French Club, French Honor Society, Pat Revue, Girls' Glee, McCoy Medal.

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**Madewell, Melissa:** Fresh. Volleyball, FCA, StuCo (Entertainment Chairman), Pep Club, NFL (Entertainment Chairman), French Club, AFS, Quill and Scroll, Courtwarming Attendant, Christmas Dance Committee, Back to School Mixer Committee, Powder Puff Dance Committee, Homecoming Dance Committee, Beach Dance Committee, Valentine's Dance Committee, Diego Dance Committee, Spirit Staff (Features Editor), Starsteppers, Miss School Spirit Candidate.

**Mallardi, Mellissa:** StuCo, DECA (Secretary), Symphonic Band.

**Maschmeier, Todd:** Fresh. Football, DECA, Men's Choir.

**Mason, Kelly:** "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," Thespians, Nutrition Council (Secretary).

**Massy, Greg:** Fresh. Football, J.V. Football, Soph. Football, NFL, McCoy Medal.

**McCollum, Jeri:** French Club, SOO, Counselor, Girls' Glee.

**McCormick, Mary:** J.V. Track, Volleyball Manager, Volleyball Statistics, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Pat Revue, Sugar 'N' Spice, Concert Choir, Freshman Choir, Women's Choir, McCoy Medal.

**McDermott, Michelle:** Varsity Tennis, DECA.

**McGraw, David:** Fresh. Football, DECA, Men's Choir.

**Meadows, Steve:** Nutrition Council, Men's Choir.

**Meeker, Jeanette:** "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," Pep Club, French Club, AFS, Pep Club, Homecoming Dance Committee, Pat Revue, Freshman Choir, Women's Choir.

**Messina, Candice:** Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Softball, Fresh. Volleyball, J.V. Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball, "The King and I," StuCo, Pep Club, AFS, DECA, Counselor Aide, Christmas Dance Attendant, Valentine's Dance Committee, Pat Revue, Treble Twelve, Sugar 'N' Spice, Freshman Choir, Women's Choir.

**Meyer, Kevin:** DECA.

**Meyer, Vicki:** Pep Club, French Club, Science Club, SOO, Office Aide, Girls' Glee.

**Miller, Wesley:** DECA.

**Mitchell, Tim:** J.V. Track, Counselor Aide, Heritage Staff (Photographer).

**Mooney, Ross:** J.V. Wrestling, Varsity Wrestling, Men's Choir.

**Morris, Tonya:** Pep Club, French Club, Library Aide.

**Morse, Brian:** Freshman Football, "Little Moon of Alban," "The King and I," Thespians, Presidents Club, Tri-M, NFL, French Club, DECA, Pat Revue, Trutones, Concert Choir, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Show Band, Minute Men.

**Mulumulu, Highland:** "West Side Story," "The King and I," Thespians, NFL, DECA, Men's Choir.

**Murdock, Jennifer:** Spanish Club, Girls' Glee, Freshman Choir.

**Murphy, Richard:** J.V. Swimming, Varsity Swimming (Captain, All-Conference, State Qualifier and School Record 500-yard Freestyle), Girls' Swimming Scorekeeper.



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**Nash, Brian:** Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football, Varsity Track, J.V. Swimming, Varsity Swimming (3rd in Conference Backstroke), Tickers, Office Aide, Men's Choir.

**Nevils, Eric:** Spanish Club, Powder Puff Candidate, Trutones, Concert Choir, Missouri All-State Choir.

**Nicholson, Tom:** Varsity Wrestling (Captain), DECA.

**Nix, Karen:** SOO, Counselor Aide.

**Nunn, Sean:** J.V. Track, Varsity Track, J.V. Swimming, Varsity Swimming, Freshman Cross Country, J.V. Cross Country, Varsity Cross Country (Co-Captain, Mr. 100% 84-85).

**Nye, Martin:** Chess Club, Computer Club, Counselor Aide.

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**Omstead, Paul:** Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football, Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Baseball, Varsity Baseball, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," Men's Choir.

**Ortez, Brian:** "Exit the Body,"

"The Man Who Came to Dinner," StuCo, Thespians, NFL, AFS, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Heritage/Spirit Staff (Business Manager), Men's Choir.

**Ostrander, Tammy:** Nutrition Council, Office Aide, Pat Revue, Girls' Glee, Freshman Choir, Women's Choir.

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**Palmer, Doug:** "The King and I," NHS, Science Club, Spanish Club, Library Aide, McCoy Medal.

**Passantino, Jeff:** Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football, J.V. Wrestling, Varsity Wrestling, Interact, StuCo, Presidents Club.

**Patterson, Amy:** Tri-M, Spanish Club, Pat Revue, Trutones, Concert Choir, Freshman Choir, Women's Choir, MAE Singers.

**Penrod, Dan:** Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, "Ah Wilderness," "West Side Story," "Exit the Body," "Little Moon of Alban," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," Pat Revue, Symphonic Band.

**Perkins, Decker:** J.V. Tennis, DECA, Concert Choir, Concert Band, Show Band.

**Pool, Gina:** Office Aide, Pat Revue, Treble Twelve, Sugar 'N' Spice, Concert Choir, Women's Choir.

**Porterfield, Todd:** Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Freshman Choir.

**Portlance, Shawn:** J.V. Track, Varsity Track, J.V. Cross Country.

**Powell, Loral:** NFL, Quill and Scroll, LAS, Science Club, Library Aide, Spirit Staff (Artist).

**Pressley, Janet:** Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, StuCo, Pep Club, Office Aide, Counselor Aide, Pat Revue, Girls' Glee.

**Proctor, Angie:** J.V. Track, Varsity Track, Fresh. Basketball, Heritage (Photographer).

**Provence, Nancy:** DECA, Girls' Glee.

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**Rago, Valerie:** Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Fresh. Volleyball, J.V. Volleyball, NAHS, Pep Club, French Club, SOO, Office Aide, Counselor Aide, Courtwarming Candidate, Starsteppers (Lieutenant), Freshman Choir.

**Rhoads, Julie:** Concert Choir.

**Roark, Trinda:** J.V. Tennis, Pep Club, French Club.

**Rose, Jill:** NHS, Presidents Club, AFS, Spanish Club (President), Spanish Honor Society, McCoy Medal.



Mrs. George Wallace, sister-in-law of Harry S Truman, looks at Mrs. Truman's antiques on display in the library's showcase. (Photo by Greg Carr)



**Sanders, Carla:** "Any Number Can Die," Pep Club, French Club, DECA.

Sanders, Deanna: Pep Club.

**Sanders, Robert:** Fresh. Football, Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Tennis, FCA, StuCo, Valentine's Dance Committee, School Mascot, Mr. School Spirit.

**Savage, Cynthia:** J.V. Swimming, "Exit the Body," "Little Moon of Alban," NHS, Interact, Tri-M, AFS, Quill and Scroll, Science Club, Spanish Club, Heritage Staff (Managing Editor), Outstanding Senior, McCoy Medal, Girls' State, Symphonic Band.

**Schafer, Becky:** Varsity Track, Fresh. Volleyball, FCA, StuCo, Pep Club, French Club, AFS, Cheerleader (Red Squad, Varsity Squad), Miss School Spirit, Sophomore Class Treasurer, Freshman Class Treasurer, McCoy Medal.

**Schell, Anjanette:** NHS, Tri-M NFL, Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Trutones, Concert Choir, Freshman Choir, Minute Men, McCoy Medal, Girls' State.

**Schifferdecker, Eddie:** J.V.  
Track, Symphonic Band.

**Schumacher, Doug:** J.V. Golf, Varsity Golf.

**Scott, Clarissa:** StuCo, French Club, DECA, SOO, Cheerleader (J.V. Squad).

**Senter, Shawn:** Fresh. Basketball, Science Club, Office Aide, Pat Revue, Girls' Glee.

**Shaft, Debbie:** J. V. Tennis, Varsity Tennis (Second Team, All-Conference, Fourth in Districts), "Ah Wilderness," "Exit the Body," "Little Moon of Alban," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," Chess Club, Heritage Staff (Photographer), McCoy Medal, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Show Band.

**Shepherd, Brendan:** J.V. Tennis, NHS, FCA, Interact, StuCo (Treasurer), NAHS, Presidents Club, NFL, AFS, Quill and Scroll, Science Club, Chair-

man Beach Party, Christmas Dance Committee, Welcome Mixer, "The Call," Bob Squad, Sophomore Class President, Presidential Classroom, McCoy Medal, Student of the Fortnight, Metropolitan Leadership Day.

**Simmons, Dennis:** Fresh. Football, J.V. Track, Football Manager, Baseball Manager, NHS, Boys' State, McCoy Medal.

**Simmons, Donald:** Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football, J.V. Track, Varsity Track, Men's Choir, Minute Men.

**Sinclair, Ryan:** Fresh. Basketball, Soph. Basketball, J.V. Baseball, Men's Choir.

**Sinnet, Monty:** Fresh. Football. Soph. Football, Varsity Football (Honorable Mention All-Conference Defensive Back), Office Aide, Yell Leader (Boy's Varsity).

Smith, James: DECA.

**Smith, Kerri:** Office Aide, Counselor Aide.



Seniors gather in an 86 formation in the courtyard as they look forward to graduation. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



**Snapp, David:** Varsity Soccer (Most Valuable Player, Second Team All-Conference — Captain), "West Side Story," "The King and I," NHS, Interact (President), StuCo (Treasurer), Presidents Club, Tri-M, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Concert Band, Pep Band, Show Band, McCoy Medal.

**Sommers, Sean:** Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Nutrition Council.

**Starr, Gerry:** Varsity Soccer (Honorable Mention All-Conference — Captain), NHS (Service Chairman), FCA, Interact, AFS, Science Club, Computer Club, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Show Band, McCoy Medal.

**Steinbach, Mike:** Fresh. Basketball, Soph. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, J.V. Baseball, Men's Choir.

**Stevenson, Carol:** AFS, Science Club, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, McCoy Medal.

**Steward, Angela:** Pep Club, Freshman Choir.

**Stewart, John:** Fresh. Football, Fresh. Basketball, Yell Leader, Pat Revue, Concert Choir, Freshman Choir.

**Stewart, Michelle:** Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball, J.V. Softball, Varsity Softball, Fresh. Volleyball, J.V. Volleyball.

**Stockwell, Jeff:** "The Odd Couple," "Any Number Can Die," "Ah Wilderness," "West Side Story," "Exit the Body," "Little Moon of Alban," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," Thespians (President), Presidents Club, NFL (Squad Captain), Quill and Scroll, Science Club, Spirit Staff (Associate Editor).

**Stoebick, Karl:** French Club, AFS, Science Club, Spanish Club, Computer Club.

**Stomboly, Kristi:** Wrestlerettes, French Club, AFS, SOO.

**Strickland, Stacy:** Fresh. Volleyball, "The King and I," Spirit Staff (Advertising Manager), Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Pep Band, Show Band.

**Stuck, Lori:** J.V. Tennis, Varsity Tennis, J.V. Swimming, Varsity Swimming, Fresh. Volleyball, Volleyball Manager, FCA, Tickers, AFS, Spanish Club.

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**Tann, Brian:** Fresh. Basketball, Soph. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball (First Team All-Conference), J.V. Varsity Baseball (First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Area, First Team All-Metro), Who's Who Sports, Men's Choir.

**Tracy, Mike:** Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, Varsity Football (First Team All-Conference, Second Team All-Area), Varsity Track.

**Trotta, Jeanne:** Spanish Club.

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**Vaughn, Shelley:** Pep Club, French Club, Starsteppers (Co-Captain, Captain), Freshman Choir.

**Vogel, Chris:** Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football, Soph. Wrestling, J.V. Wrestling, Varsity Wrestling, French Club, Science Club.

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**Walker, Jeff:** Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, Varsity Football (First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Area), Varsity Track.

**Waters, Denise:** Girls' Glee.

**Watkins, Brian:** Spanish Honor Society.

**Wear, Aimee:** Basketball Statistics, Football Statistics, "West Side Story," "Exit the Body," FCA, Thespians, Pep Club, French Club, AFS, SOO, Homecoming Candidate, Courtwarming Candidate.

**Webb, Angy:** "Any Number Can Die," "Exit the Body," "Little Moon of Alban," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," StuCo, Thespians, NFL, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Beach Party Committee.

**Welborn, Beth:** J.V. Swimming, StuCo, Presidents Club, Pep Club, NFL, French Club, AFS (President), Quill and Scroll, Spirit staff (Depth Editor), Starsteppers, McCoy Medal.

**Weyrauch, Sean:** "Little Moon of Alban," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The King and I," Computer Club, Boys' State, McCoy Medal.

**White, Jim:** Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, Varsity Football (All-Conference, All-Area, All-Metro, All-District, Captain), J.V. Track, Varsity Track (2 mi. Relay All-Conference, All-District, All-Sectionals, Discus All-Conference, All-District, All-Metro, All-Sectionals, All-State), Men's Choir.

**White, Rick:** J.V. Football, Varsity Football, J.V. Track, Varsity Track, Fresh. Basketball, Soph. Basketball.

**White, Tom:** Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football (All-Conference, All-Area, All-Metro, All-District, First Team All-State), J.V. Track, Varsity Track (All-

Conference, All-District, All-Sectional, All-State), "The King and I," Mr. School Spirit (nominee), Men's Choir.

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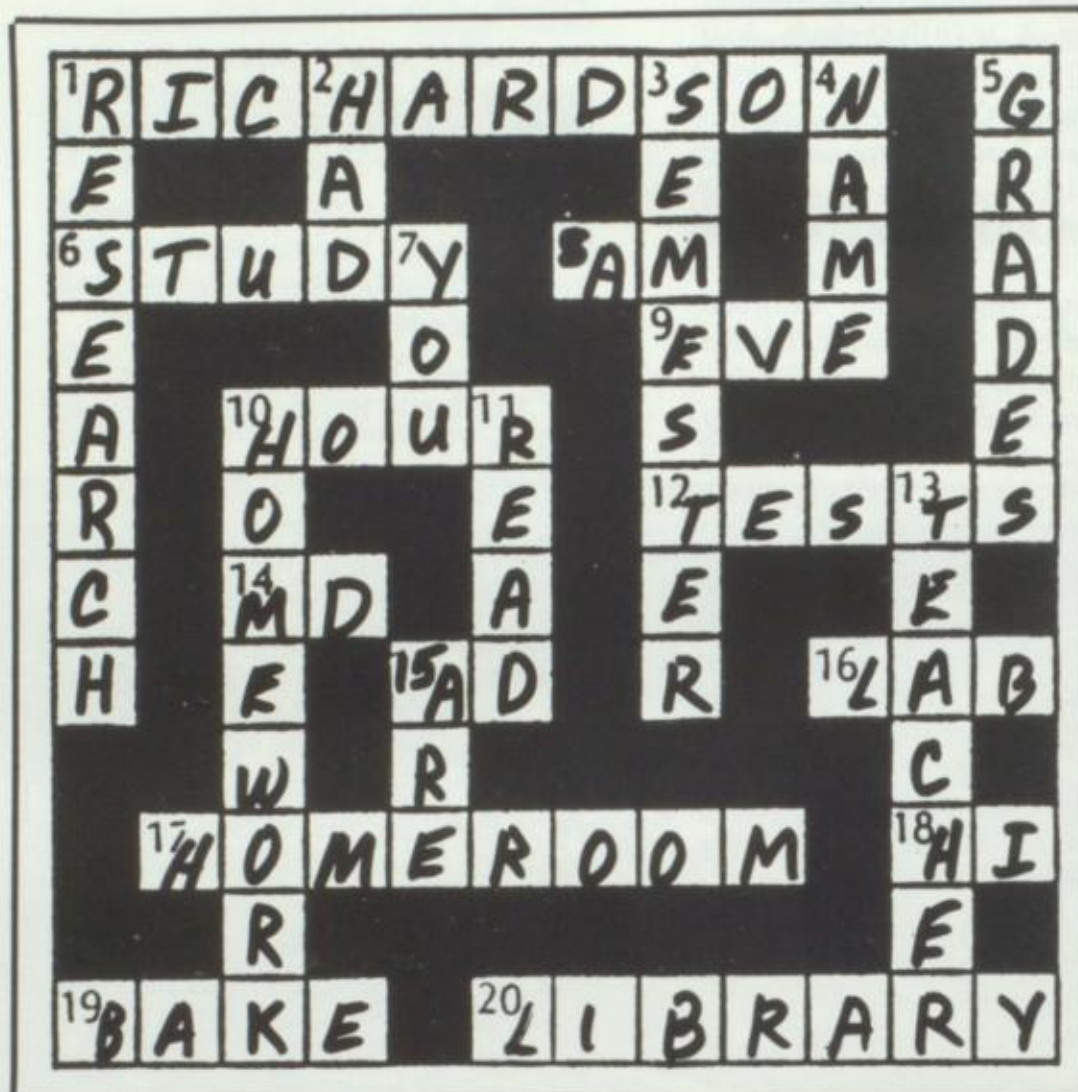
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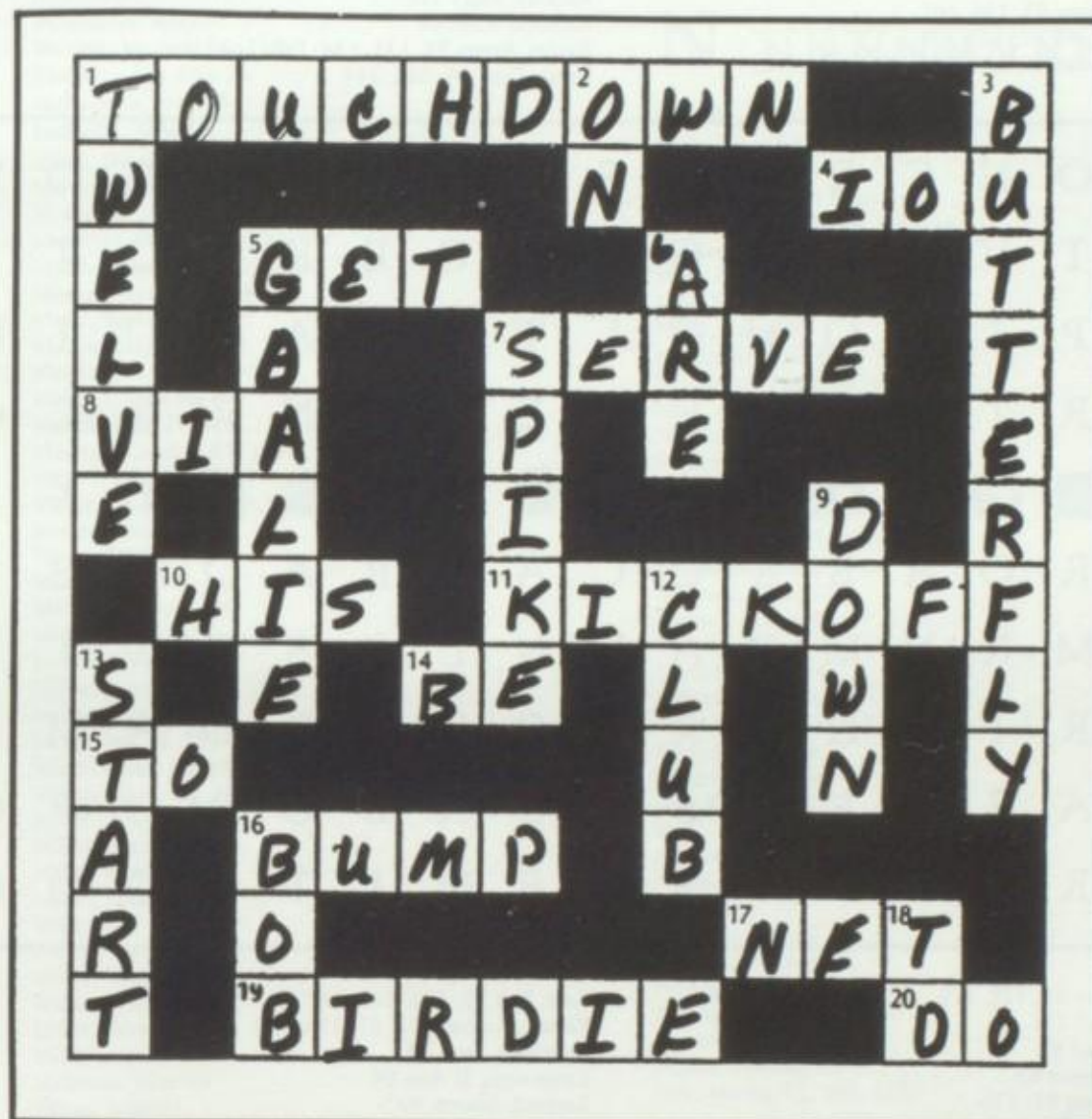
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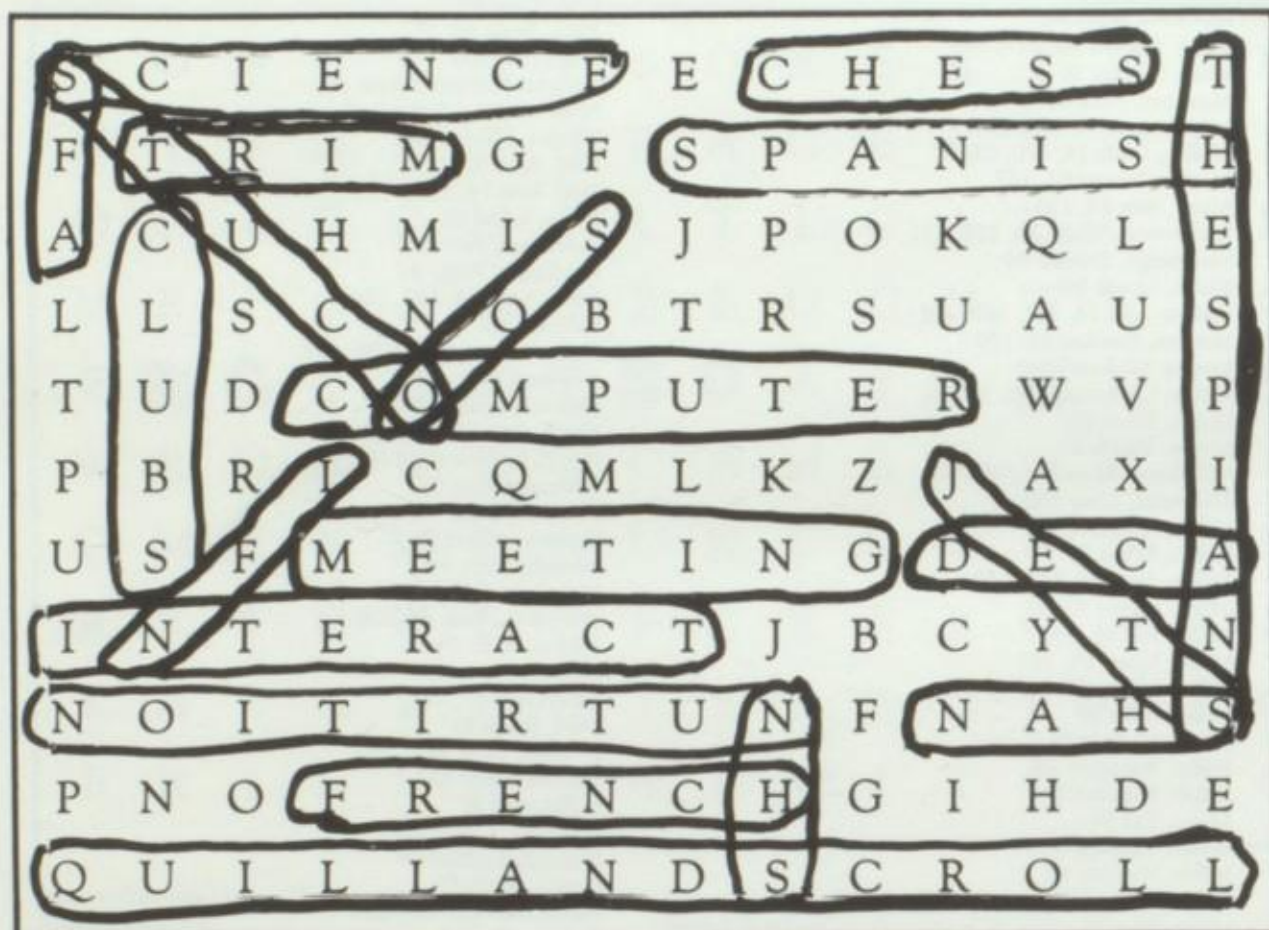
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## Colophon

by Pat Allen  
Editor-in-Chief

A yearbook is a special kind of publication. It hopefully captures a moment for each individual at the school.

After many days of contemplating this year's theme, the staff finally agreed on "Games People Play." We wanted to show the different ways in which people use games in everyday life simply to get through the day.

We feel that there are some unique graphics used this year, which helps to tie the sections together. At the same time, however, each style makes the section unique.

This book, just as were the 21 previous yearbooks, was published by Josten's American Yearbook Company of Topeka, Kansas. Our cover is deep red with the title embossed in navy and white with a large initial letter that is carried throughout the book.

We would like to thank Ed Vilwoc, our salesman, and Pam Ortega, our in-plant consultant for all their help.

We also want to thank Ben Simmons for his pictures of some of the choirs.

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We owe a special thank you to Ron Clemons, our adviser, who was always there in the tough situations and pointed us to the solution.

I would also like to extend a large thank you to each and every staff member who was always there when the deadline came around and we had to put in a late night. I just want you all to know I appreciate it and this is your yearbook.

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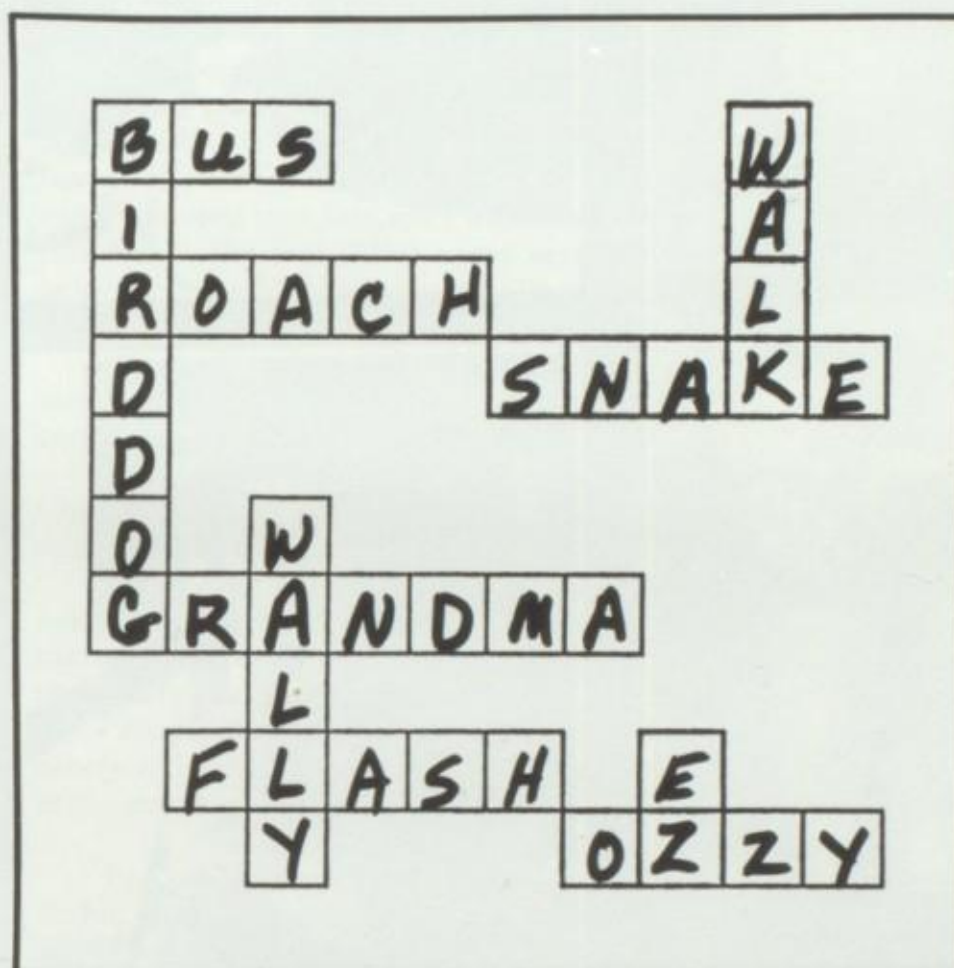


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As the only freshman enrolled in trigonometry, Jeremy White keeps up with his classmates. (Photo by Beth Bundschu)



A positive attitude brings sophomore Sarah Graves All-State honors. (Photo by Greg Carr)



Practicing five or six hours a day the week before an audition is not unusual for senior Robin Wilcox. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)





A guiding cane and a Braille typewriter help sophomore Karen Folsome become independent. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



# Success ranks high with fellow students

by Cynthia Savage

**F**our students — each symbolic of different kinds of students at Truman — became winners in their own ways.

## Karen Folsome

For sophomore Karen Folsome, winning is doing most of the things her peers do. She reads, listens to the radio, swims, water and snow skis, canoes, plays games, goes to movies and watches television. Karen is blind.

By looking on the bright side of things, Karen has overcome many of her obstacles. She said that although everyday activities such as eating, dressing and getting around are harder for her to accomplish, she doesn't see her blindness as impossible to overcome.

"I'm used to it because I was born that way," she said. "I've never seen before so I don't know what it's like to see."

She explained why she doesn't let things get her down and why people's comments don't bother her.

"I'm a happy person, plus I'm a Christian. So why not be cheerful?" she said.

Karen even looks at the ways that being blind has helped her. One way is that it has allowed her to see people as they really are.

"People look at the outsides of others and judge. I can't do that. I look at the personality," she said.

## Robin Wilcox

Because she was persistent, senior Robin Wilcox now not only plays the oboe, but she also excels at it. She was determined that she could play the oboe even when her eighth grade band director told her she would never make it. Now only four years later, Robin is an accomplished oboe player and the youngest member of the Independence Symphony — a semi-professional group.

"I knew I could do it," she said. "If I want something enough, I get it."

Robin, who has also played in the District and State bands, explained how setting goals for herself helped her improve.

"I love a challenge. It's a lot of fun trying to reach the goals you've set. It's a step-by-step process." But she cautioned, "If you set unreasonable goals,



This letter jacket indicates the chances to win at Truman. (Photo by Greg Carr)

you get depressed. Make sure you have what it takes to make it."

## Sarah Graves

Sophomore Sarah Graves, whose athletic achievements include winning the District cross country meet as a freshman said that it takes a lot of practice to become a successful runner.

"I train all summer. I think it's harder than people think it is," she said.

Preparing for a Saturday morning meet sometimes means making sacrifices.

"I don't like to be out too late on Friday," she said. "It's hard when your friends want you to do something and you know you should be home."

## Jeremy White

According to freshman Jeremy White, being the top academically isn't always easy. While his natural ability in math has led him to advanced placement in classes as well as success in contests, it hasn't freed him of the pressure.

During the summer, Jeremy went to a three-week math workshop at Arizona State University Center for Talented Youth sponsored by John Hopkins University. He spent five hours a day in classes and three hours studying.

"The math wasn't really difficult, but the pressure of doing it quickly and still retaining the knowledge was probably the biggest challenge," Jeremy said. "It's a lot of work."

Although winning takes hard work and determination, Robin summed it up: "It's basically what you have the desire to do most. It's what you love to do that makes you successful."



# Winning

## *the game*

Winning is a unique concept to each individual. Some people consider achieving what they want to winning — whether it is overcoming a handicap, getting a job, passing an exam, receiving a scholarship or winning a marathon. To some, winning also means reaching group goals — raising enough money to buy new equipment, making it to State or winning an award for an outstanding group performance. Some people have well-defined ideas on what it means to be successful in the game of life while others have vague ideas.

While some believe winning the game is money and recognition, many think winning is personal satisfaction: "I think a successful person is one who does what they want in life and is happy," junior Kindale Perkins said. "Somebody who gets goals and reaches the goals they set," senior Becky Schafer said. "A person who is happy with their career and their life," senior Eric Baker commented.

*To be successful, Truman students said, takes determination and fortitude, talent, hard work, brains, power, wit, ambition, money and connections, good study habits, devotion and self-confidence. And freshman Marcia Johnson summed it up: "It takes a good attitude, a level head and a lot of hard work . . ."*







Winning awards at debate and forensics tournaments is no rare occasion for senior Jeff Stockwell. (Photo by Greg Carr)

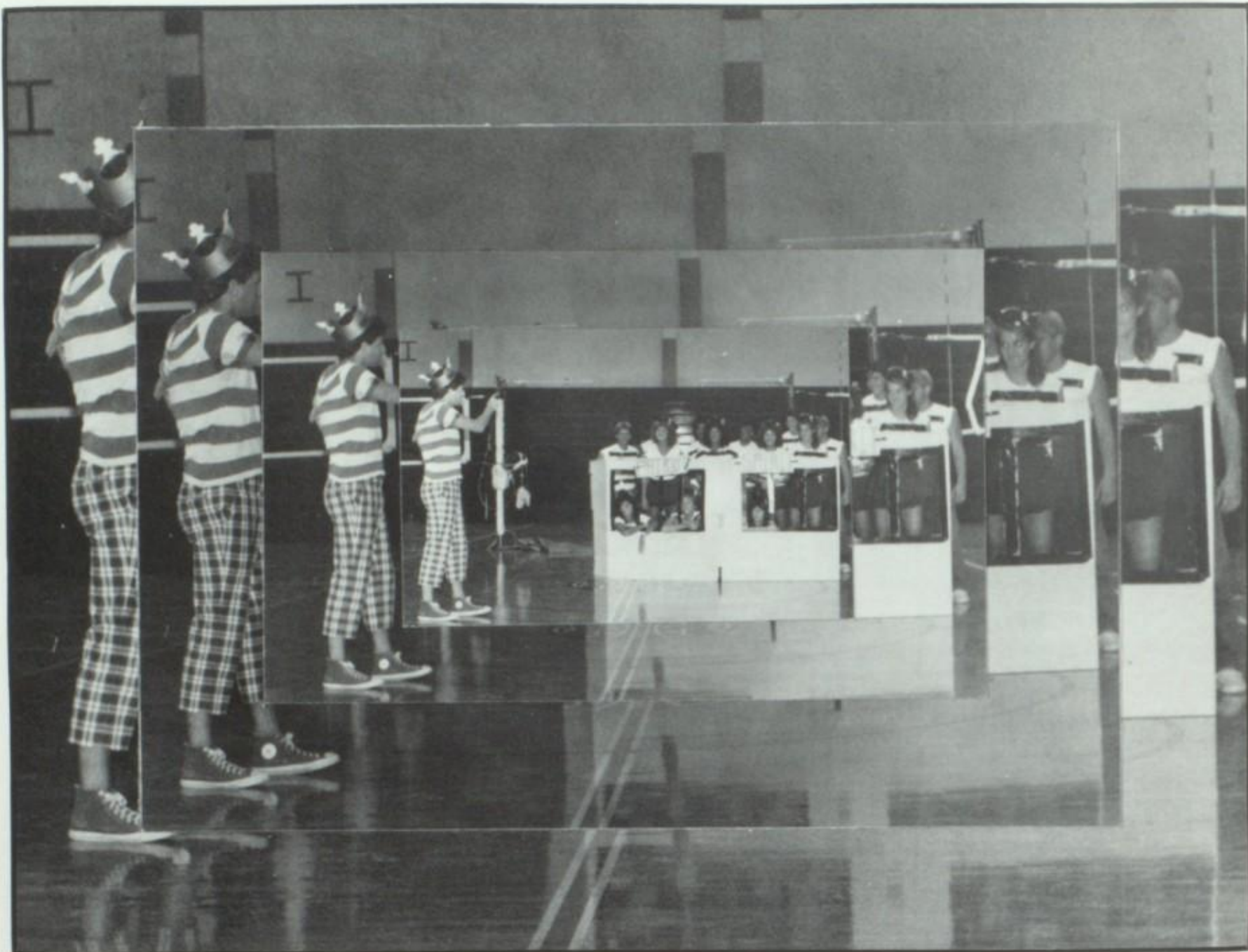
Students relax and enjoy each other's company between classes even with only five minutes. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)



A cold Friday night doesn't keep sophomore Carie Averill from cheering the football team on to victory. (Photo by Greg Carr)

As sophomores Wally Meierarend and Jared Pentler soar through the air practicing their gymnastics, the competition seems about equal. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)





Mascot Rob Sanders' winning spirit represents the Patriots. (Photo by Debbie Shaft)

# Patriots

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forensics . . . sports . . .  
academics . . . clubs . . .  
social life . . . — ready to  
face the future with the  
optimism to win.*



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It's taking a chance of being who you are,  
and fighting to reach the highest star.

It's the joy of being with friends . . . the decisions  
to be made, or loneliness for an exciting escapade.

It's building your dreams into reality,  
and discovering the answers to your curiosity.

It's all the memories, the laughs and the times  
you've cried, either sharing your feelings or keep-  
ing them inside.

It's all of these and more that come to each the  
same,  
for it's living that's all part of the game.

— by Mary Kackley



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*we've won the game . . .*



